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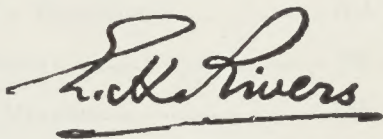
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# GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

## A.F. & A.M.

I, Edward H. Rivers, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the Constitution, adopted at the Especial Communication of that body, held in the City of Edmonton, on the 9th day of June, A.L. 5936, A.D. 1936, to become effective on the 31st day of December, A.L. 5936, A.D. 1936, and as amended at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in June, 1938 and again amended June, 1939, June, 1940, June, 1944, June, 1945, June, 1947, June, 1948, June, 1951, June, 1952, June, 1953, June, 1954 and June 1955.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto appended my official signature and affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at the City of Calgary, this first day of August, A.L. 5955, A.D. 1955.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "E. H. Rivers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Grand Secretary







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# **CONSTITUTION**

## **OF THE**

### **Grand Lodge of Alberta**

#### **Ancient Free and Accepted Masons**

We, the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, in order to form perfect fraternal union, to establish order, to insure tranquility, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and to secure to the Fraternity in the Province of Alberta all the blessings of Masonic privileges, do order and establish this Constitution.

#### **Style and Title of Grand Lodge**

1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be, "The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons," hereinafter referred to as Grand Lodge.

#### **Seal of Grand Lodge**

2. The following is hereby adopted as the seal of this Grand Lodge:



3. The Grand Lodge has Masonic jurisdiction throughout the Province of Alberta and throughout that part of the North West Territories lying to the West of the Fourth Meridian. In it is vested sole power and authority to enact laws and regulations for the government of the Craft subject only to the Ancient Landmarks and the provisions of this Constitution.

### **Work Authorized by Grand Lodge**

3a. This Grand Lodge recognizes and authorizes either of the methods of conducting the Work usually styled the "Canadian" Work or the "Ancient York" Work.

### **Officers of Grand Lodge**

4. The Officers of the Grand Lodge with their official designation are as follows:

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters in order of their respective district numbers.

The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.

The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.

The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Registrar.

The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.

The Very Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon.

The Very Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.

The Very Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Very Worshipful Grand Organist.

The Very Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.

The Very Worshipful Grand Stewards (six in number).

The Very Worshipful Grand Tyler.

5. The Grand Lodge Officers are entitled to precedence and rank in the order set forth in the preceding section except that Past Grand Officers are entitled to precedence and rank according to seniority, immediately following the occupants of their former offices.

Neither the Tyler nor the Grand Organist shall be entitled to a vote in Grand Lodge merely by virtue of that office.

6. A member shall not be entitled to past rank in any office in Grand Lodge or in any Lodge unless he has served a full term of twelve months.

### Composition of Grand Lodge

7. Grand Lodge shall consist of its Grand Officers, its Past Grand Officers, the Past Masters and the Masters and Wardens (duly returned) of all the Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register.

8. The representatives of twenty Lodges at the Annual Communication or at Special Communications convened on due notice to all the Lodges, shall be indispensably necessary to open the Grand Lodge or transact business therein, except on occasions of ceremony, when the Grand Master or his representative, with a sufficient number of Members, may open the Grand Lodge and transact the business for which it is called.

9. A Lodge may, by its vote properly certified by the Master and Secretary under seal, delegate any Past Master of their Lodge to represent it at any meeting of Grand Lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens. A proxy shall not be valid unless it is passed in open Lodge, and the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its having been signed by the Master and Secretary. The name of the delegate shall be in the hands of the Grand Secretary at least seven days before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. A brother cannot represent more than one Lodge.

10. Brethren of eminence and ability in this Jurisdiction who have rendered service in the Grand Lodge may be constituted members thereof with all the rights and privileges of membership, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper, but not above that of Past Junior Grand Warden.

11. Notice of the motion to confer such rank must be sent in writing by the mover to the Grand Secretary, not later than sixty days pre-

ceding the Annual Communication and the vote in favor of the motion must be sustained by at least two thirds of the members present.

12. Grand Lodge may, on motion, constitute any brother of eminence and ability, who has rendered services to the Craft and who hails from a sister jurisdiction, an honorary member thereof, with such rank and distinction as it may deem proper.

### **Mode of Electing and Appointing the Officers of Grand Lodge**

13. The officers of Grand Lodge, except the members of the Board of General Purposes, shall be elected or appointed annually, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed and installed or invested.

14. The following officers of Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot, namely: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain and members of the Board of General Purposes. The Grand Tyler shall be elected by an open vote of Grand Lodge. All other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master after his installation.

15. The Grand Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of General Purposes, subject to the confirmation of Grand Lodge.

16. Nominations for any elective office shall be made in the form following and be in the hands of the Grand Secretary not later than 12

o'clock noon on the last day of February, and the Grand Secretary shall then have the names printed, and sent to the Lodges sixty days before Grand Lodge.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
 office of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptance:

I hereby accept nomination for the office of

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

17. For the offices where more than one have accepted nominations, the Grand Secretary shall have the necessary number of ballots prepared. The order of the names appearing on the ballot shall be changed for each fifty ballots printed. The forms of the ballot shall be as follows:

**Ballot for Junior Grand Warden, etc.**  
 (Mark 1, 2 and 3, etc.)

Alexander, James A. \_\_\_\_\_

Benson, William \_\_\_\_\_

Carlile, James \_\_\_\_\_ etc.



For the Board of General Purposes the ballot shall be as follows:

### Board of General Purposes

(Mark 1, 2, 3, etc. in order of your choice. Make a choice for each name on the ballot.)

Amos, James -----

Butler, Alexander -----

Cameron, Albert ----- etc.

18. Ballots will be handed to delegates on registering their attendance. At the time of registration and in a place adjacent thereto, there shall be opened a poll to receive the votes. At 4 o'clock p.m. on the first day of the Grand Lodge meeting, the poll shall close.

18a. When a Lodge shall be represented by only two of its proper Officers, the Officer highest in rank may cast two of the three votes.

18b. When a Lodge shall be represented by only one of its proper Officers, that Officer may cast three votes for the Lodge.

19. The Grand Master or presiding officer, at the annual communication shall appoint a Chairman and such number of scrutineers as he may deem necessary, who shall receive the ballot box at the close of the voting and proceed to decide those elected in the following manner. The ballots shall be counted for the various offices in the order of precedence as given in Section 5, after which the ballots for the Board of General

Purposes shall be counted. When any nominee has been elected to an office, his name, in counting future ballots, shall be disregarded and the next choices thereon used in numerical order. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for the election of a Grand Lodge Officer. In the event of there being more than two candidates for any office and in case no candidate has a majority of all the No. 1 votes cast, the candidate with smallest number of votes shall be eliminated and his votes distributed in accordance with the next choices thereon, and so on until one candidate has a clear majority of all the votes cast. The Board of Scrutineers shall then report their findings to Grand Lodge.

20. The eight brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes obtaining the greatest number of votes shall be duly elected. If for any reason it is necessary to elect more than eight members to the Board, then those elected under this provision shall be the ones next highest in order after the eight have been chosen for two years and only for the necessary unexpired term of their predecessor.

21. A member shall not be qualified to hold any office in this Grand Lodge (except those of Grand Organist and Grand Tyler) unless he has been regularly installed as Worshipful Master of a Lodge, and be at the time of his election or appointment a member of this Grand Lodge.

22. Should any officer of Grand Lodge die or remove from the jurisdiction or become incapable, for any reason, of performing the duties of his

office, the Grand Master may appoint a qualified brother to fill the position until the next Annual Communication, or during such incapacity.

### **District Meeting and District Deputy Grand Masters**

23. Each district, unless excused by the Grand Master, shall hold, at such place within the district as may previously have been arranged with the Grand Master, after the regular Grand Lodge meeting, and before the following first day of May, a meeting to be called the Annual District Meeting. It shall be summoned by the D.D.G.M. who shall cause to be notified, by writing, all constituent Lodges, giving at least one month's notice of the meeting. At this meeting, the D.D.G.M., or a deputy duly authorized for that purpose, shall preside.

24. The representatives of three Lodges of a district shall be indispensably necessary to open the District Meeting or to transact business thereat.

25. (a) The Past Masters and the Representatives of Lodges within the District, who are present at the Annual District Meeting shall choose by ballot a District Deputy Grand Master,

(b) The voting powers and representation with regard to the election of District Deputy Grand Master shall be the same as in Grand Lodge.

(c) The member chosen shall be declared elected when the choice is confirmed by the Grand Master at the ensuing Annual Communication.

(d) Should the election of District Deputy Grand Master so selected be not confirmed, another election by the District shall be held at the next Annual Communication.

26. The District Deputy Grand Master must be a Past Master and a resident of the District for which he is selected, and prepared, if appointed and invested, to fulfil to the best of his power, skill and ability the duties devolving upon him as such D.D.G.M., as prescribed by the Constitution.

### **Installation of Officers of Grand Lodge**

27. All officers elected or appointed as the case may be shall be duly installed or invested immediately before the close of the Annual Communication and proclaimed in ancient form. Should any member elected or appointed to office not be present for installation or investment at the Annual Communication, he shall, as soon as possible thereafter, be duly installed or invested at a regular communication of a Lodge, by the Grand Master or any officer the Grand Master may appoint for the purpose, and a certificate of his investiture shall be furnished to the Grand Secretary by the installing officer. An officer shall not be installed or invested by proxy.

### **Annual Communication of Grand Lodge**

28. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held on the second Wednesday of the month of June alternately in the City of Calgary and the City of Edmonton.

Section 28 add the following:

except that the Communication in the year 1959  
be held in the city of Lethbridge, (amended 1957).

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## Powers of Grand Lodge

29. Any member present in Grand Lodge shall have the right to appeal to Grand Lodge from any decision or ruling of the Grand Master given in Grand Lodge or during his term of office.

30. Every Lodge or brother affected by any ruling, decision or action of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes or any subordinate authority, shall be duly served with notice of such ruling, decision or action and shall have the right to appeal therefrom to Grand Lodge. Notice of appeal shall be given by the appellant in writing to the Grand Secretary within twenty-one days after the notice of such ruling, decision or action shall have been served upon him, and the appeal shall be presented to Grand Lodge by the Board of General Purposes.

31. Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction to entertain an appeal from the verdict or decision of any Lodge or commission in connection with a trial for a Masonic offence, and to deal with the same as provided by the rules respecting Masonic trials.

32. Grand Lodge only can expel a brother from the Craft or restore him after expulsion,

33. Grand Lodge only can withdraw the Warrant of a Lodge and erase the same.

34. The Warrant of a Lodge shall not be withdrawn nor shall the Lodge be erased until the

Master or Officers thereof have been summoned to show cause in Grand Lodge why such action should not be taken.

35. The Constitution of Grand Lodge may be amended or altered at any Annual Communication by two-thirds of the votes cast by the members present provided that notice in writing, approved by resolution of the Lodge of which the mover is a member, shall have been given at the preceding Annual Communication or shall have been sent to the Grand Secretary not less than ninety days preceding the communication at which the motion is to be considered and published in the notice calling the meeting of Grand Lodge. Where a special committee is appointed by Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master in connection with any matters involving the constitution, an approving resolution of a Lodge shall not be necessary. Any amendment to the Constitution which has been rejected by Grand Lodge is not to be reconsidered at any time within three years after such rejection except by a unanimous resolution passed by Grand Lodge, the vote thereon to be taken without debate.

### **Powers and Duties of the Grand Master**

36. The Grand Master, during the interval between the communications of Grand Lodge, may exercise all its executive powers, except the granting of charters. By virtue of these, authority is given him, among other things:

- i. To grant dispensations for the formation of new Lodges.



ii. To grant dispensations for the election of an officer or officers at other than the regular times.

iii. To grant dispensations to receive and act upon the petitions of rejected applicants for the degrees, within a less period than the time prescribed by the Constitution. Any application for such dispensation shall be made by the Lodge to which the candidate presented his petition on an unanimous vote by ballot.

iv. To grant dispensations to receive and act upon the petitions for degrees of persons who may not possess the qualifications of residence prescribed, provided that the consent of the Lodge or Lodges having jurisdiction over the candidate is first obtained.

v. To grant a dispensation to a Lodge for the purpose of holding a Lodge of Instruction.

vi. To grant such other dispensations as may be applied for in accordance with the Constitution.

vii. To convene any Lodge, to preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and compel its conformity to the Constitution.

viii. To arrest the charter or dispensation of any Lodge for good reasons shown, and suspend the operations thereof during his pleasure.

ix. To suspend any officer of any Lodge from the exercise of the powers and duties of his office, for good reasons shown, during his pleasure.

x. To require the attendance of and information from any Grand Officer respecting matters appertaining to the duties of his office.

xi. To appoint representatives near other recognized Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit representatives from them. Should a representative fail to attend Grand Lodge for three consecutive years, the Grand Master may recommend the forfeiture of his appointment.

xii. To decide all questions of order and Masonic law.

xiii. To institute, constitute and consecrate Lodges, to dedicate Masonic halls, to lay corner stones of Masonic halls, public buildings and other structures, or appoint any member of Grand Lodge to act in his place for such purpose.

xiv. To examine all by-laws of Lodges and amendments thereto, and approve the same if found correct. When so approved they shall have full force and effect.

xv. To appoint such officers as may be required by this Constitution.

37. The Grand Master shall have authority to preside in any Lodge and to order any of his Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy shall be placed on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand. The Grand Wardens shall also act as Wardens for that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be not present, then the Grand Master

may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or other Master Masons to act as his Wardens "pro tempore."

38. The Grand Master may send his Grand Officers to visit any Lodge.

39. The Grand Master may, through the Grand Secretary, summon any Grand Officer, Committee of Grand Lodge, Lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the books of such Grand Officer, the charter, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge or the certificate of such brother.

40. If the summons be not complied with and no sufficient reasons given for non-compliance, such summons shall be repeated, as a peremptory summons; if such last summons be not attended to, such Grand Officer, Lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding reported to Grand Lodge.

41. All such summonses shall have the impress or imprint of the Grand Lodge Seal affixed.

42. The statement of the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master contained in the foregoing sections shall not be construed as limiting or abridging the powers and prerogatives attached to the office of Grand Master by Masonic law or custom, except in so far as they directly limit or abridge the same.

43. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary, or a District Deputy Grand Master.

44. In case of the death, absence or inability of the Grand Master, or of a vacancy in his office, the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden shall in succession assume his prerogatives, powers and duties for such purpose. Should the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden be absent from any communication of Grand Lodge, it shall be ruled by the Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present, and if no elective Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer be present, then by the Master of the senior Lodge represented.

#### **Powers and Duties of the Deputy Grand Master**

45. The Deputy Grand Master shall be ex-officio President of the Board of General Purposes.

46. In case of the death, absence or disability of the Grand Master he shall assume his prerogatives, powers and duties.

#### **Powers and Duties of the District Deputy Grand Master**

47. The District Deputy Grand Master shall visit officially each Lodge in his district at least once during his term of office.

48. He may preside in such Lodge upon the occasion of his official visit; he must examine its books and records and see if they are prop-

erly kept; inform himself of the number of members and the punctuality and regularity of their attendance; ascertain the state and condition of the Lodge in all respects and point out any errors he may find in their conduct and mode of working; instruct them in every particular wherein he shall find they may require or desire information and particularly recommend attention to the moral and benevolent principles of Masonry, and caution in the admission of candidates; see that returns have been regularly forwarded to the Grand Secretary's office with all fees and dues that may have accrued; and on refusal or neglect on the part of any Lodge to make such return, he shall immediately report such action to the Grand Master.

49. Should he discover any Masonic error or evil in his district he shall endeavor immediately to arrest the same by Masonic means, and should he judge it expedient he shall immediately report the same to the Grand Master.

50. He shall take possession of the funds and property of any dormant or extinct Lodge in his district under authority of the Grand Master and transfer the same to the Grand Secretary.

51. He shall satisfy himself that the brother recommended in the petition for a new Lodge as the first Master thereof is duly qualified to perform the duties of that office, and for that purpose he may summon that brother to attend for examination, and if he be found qualified shall grant him a certificate of qualification.

52. He shall ascertain whether a Lodge working under a dispensation in his district is provided with suitable Lodge premises, furniture and regalia.

53. He shall prepare in duplicate on blanks to be furnished by the Grand Secretary a statement in tabular form of the condition of every Lodge in his district for the year ending on the 31st day of December and transmit such report to the Grand Secretary on or before the 30th day of April and shall furnish such further information as the Grand Master may require to be laid by the Grand Secretary before the Grand Master and the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

54. He shall have power to give or refuse consent for the removal of the Lodge from one place to another within his district.

55. He shall perform such other services and executive duties as may be deputed or entrusted to him by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

55a. He shall receive such compensation as Grand Lodge may decide.

56. He may appoint a District Secretary to act during pleasure, but such appointee shall not rank in Grand Lodge by virtue of such office.

### **Masonic Districts**

57. The Masonic Districts shall be as the Grand Lodge may from time to time determine and shall be published in the Proceedings of each Annual Communication.

### Grand Wardens

58. The Grand Wardens, whenever directed, shall attend the Grand Master and act as his Wardens.

59. When the Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge, no others can fill their places, but in the absence of either, the Grand Master may appoint any Past Grand Warden present to act pro tempore. If no Past Grand Warden be present, the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

### Grand Treasurer

60. The Grand Treasurer shall receive evidence of the deposit of moneys received by the Grand Secretary in a Chartered Bank to be selected by the Committee on Finance, including those raised for the general charity or for any other use by the Grand Lodge. The account or accounts shall be kept in the name of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He shall produce a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements at every regular communication or when requested so to do by the Committee on Finance.

61. He shall arrange for the keeping in a Safety Deposit Box in a Chartered Bank, to be selected by the Committee on Finance, all the investment securities of Grand Lodge which may come into his possession as Grand Treasurer. The Safety Deposit Box shall be kept in the name of

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. All of such investment securities shall be fully registered in the name of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. Any two of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Master may have access to the Safety Deposit Box of Grand Lodge for the purpose of Examination, removal or deposit of the investment securities owned by or held in Trust by Grand Lodge, for the account and on behalf of Grand Lodge.

62. Payments shall be made only on warrants signed by the Grand Secretary and countersigned by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance or by an alternative signing officer of the said Committee. All cheques shall be signed by the Grand Treasurer, or in his absence or incapacity by a Brother appointed for that purpose by Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, and countersigned by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance or by an alternative signing officer of said Committee.

63. The Grand Treasurer shall execute and file in the office of the Grand Master within fifteen days after his installation or appointment an official bond, by guarantee policy in the sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge his duties as prescribed in this Constitution. The premium on the bond shall be paid by Grand Lodge.



### Grand Secretary

64. The Grand Secretary shall record all the transactions of Grand Lodge which it is proper to have written and superintend the publication thereof immediately after the close of each communication under such instructions as may be given by Grand Lodge. He shall ex officio be Secretary of all Grand Lodge committees.

65. He shall receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and documents addressed or belonging to Grand Lodge, and present such as may require its action at each communication thereof.

66. He shall collect all moneys due to Grand Lodge and keep a correct account thereof in proper books and pay the same promptly into the bank account of Grand Lodge taking duplicate receipts therefor one of which he shall forthwith transmit to the Grand Treasurer.

67. He shall submit at each Annual Communication detailed account of all moneys received by him during the year.

68. He shall report at each Annual Communication all Lodges which at the close of the fiscal period were in arrears to Grand Lodge or which have neglected or refused to comply with any of the provisions of its Constitution and regulations.

69. He shall conduct all correspondence pertaining to Grand Lodge or any committee thereof and submit copies of the same to each Annual Communication for inspection.

70. He shall attend Grand Lodge at all its Communications and take with him such records and documents appertaining to his office as may be required. He shall also attend the Grand Master when requested.

71. He shall notify all Lodges annually of all expelled, suspended, deceased and restored members for the year.

72. He shall issue notices of any communication of Grand Lodge to all Grand Officers and to each Lodge.

73. He shall issue notices to each Lodge of the granting of a dispensation by the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge.

74. He shall take charge of the jewels, furniture, clothing and other paraphernalia of Grand Lodge, and effect the necessary fire insurance thereon.

75. He shall furnish every Grand Officer, elected or appointed, with a certificate of such election or appointment.

76. He shall act as Grand Librarian and take charge of the Library of Grand Lodge, under such regulations as it may prescribe.

77. He shall report at each Annual Communication, all unfinished business of Grand Lodge; and present all such other matters to its notice as may properly come within his province.

78. He shall have custody of the Seal of Grand Lodge, and affix the same to all charters, warrants, certificates and other documents issued

by authority of Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Master, in conformity with the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge.

79. He shall execute and file in the office of the Grand Master, within fifteen days after his investiture, an official bond, by guarantee policy, in the sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties as prescribed in this Constitution. The premium on the bond shall be paid by Grand Lodge.

80. He shall perform all such other duties, appertaining to his office as Grand Lodge may direct.

81. He shall receive such compensation for his services as Grand Lodge may direct.

### **Grand Registrar**

82. The Grand Registrar shall during the session of Grand Lodge assist in recording the proceedings of Grand Lodge, render his assistance to the Grand Librarian in the care of the Grand Lodge Library, and such other duties as may be consistent with his office.

### **Grand Chaplain**

83. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend all communications and there to offer up solemn prayer for the occasion.

### Appointed Grand Lodge Officers

84. The Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist, Grand Pursuivant and Grand Stewards shall, if possible, attend every communication of Grand Lodge and shall perform the duties ordinarily assigned to such officers.

85. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall have, in addition to his other duties, the care during the communication of Grand Lodge, of the clothing, regalia and jewels belonging to it.

86. The Grand Pursuivant shall preserve order within the porch at every communication of Grand Lodge, and with the assistance of the brethren nominated for the purpose, shall see that none be admitted except those qualified, properly clothed and in all respects entitled to admission.

87. The Grand Stewards shall assist in the regulation of Grand Festivals, under the direction of the Grand Master, and in conducting the arrangements made for the communication of Grand Lodge, and shall perform such other duties as the Grand Master may require.

### Grand Tyler

88. The Grand Tyler shall, if possible, attend at all the communications of Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted except those properly entitled.

89. He shall receive such compensation for his services as Grand Lodge may direct.

## The Board of General Purposes

90. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master (who shall ex officio be President of the Board), the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Registrar, sixteen other members, eight of whom shall be elected by Grand Lodge each year and shall hold office for two years from the date of election and who must either be Masters or Past Masters of Lodges and members of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master shall have power to appoint four additional members who shall hold office for one year, but who shall not be eligible as chairman of any committee. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

91. The Board shall annually at its first meeting elect the Vice-President and name the chairmen of the several standing committees and the other members of each standing committee shall be named and selected by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

92. If the President, Vice-President, or any other members of the Board die or be removed, the vacancy shall be filled by ballot of the Board at its next meeting. Notice of such election shall be given in the summons issued for the next meeting of the Board.

93. Should the President and Vice-President be absent from any meeting of the Board, the Board shall elect a Chairman pro tempore

94. The Board shall meet on the day preceding the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at the place appointed for holding the same, also immediately after the close of Grand Lodge and at other times on the call of the Grand Master or the President of the Board.

95. Ten members shall constitute a quorum of the Board. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote, the presiding officer, in case of equality, having a second vote.

96. The Board shall have authority to hear and determine all Masonic complaints against Lodges or individual Masons.

97. The Board may summon any of the officers of a Lodge or any brother, to appear before it for the purpose of an enquiry, and may order the custodian thereof to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge. If such order be disobeyed and sufficient reason for non-compliance be not given, the Board may recommend to the Grand Master the suspension of the offending Lodge or brother. All proceedings in connection therewith shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

98. A full report of the proceedings of the Board, in all cases of complaint investigated by it, shall be preserved in a book to be kept for the purpose. The decision or findings of the Board as the case may be shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

99. In case of any complaint affecting a member of the Board, or the Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Board considers its decision.

100. The Board shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of Grand Lodge, and may by rules and regulations prescribe the manner in which the moneys and accounts thereof shall be kept. Such rules and regulations shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

101. The Board shall annually appoint an Auditor, who shall be a chartered accountant. His duty shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer every three months and report to the Grand Master.

101A. The Auditor shall receive such remuneration as the Board shall determine.

102. The Board shall have power to appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary. He shall receive such compensation as the Board shall determine. He shall be under the direction of the Grand Secretary.

103. The accounts of Grand Lodge shall be closed on the last day of April in each year and an abstract of the audit thereof, certified by the Auditor as correct, shall be prepared and sent to the Grand Master, and this report presented at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

104. All moneys of Grand Lodge not required for current expenses shall be invested in Dominion or Provincial Government securities only.

105. The Board shall have the direction of everything relating to the furniture and regalia of Grand Lodge.

106. The Board shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the communication of Grand Lodge, as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies and other meetings.

107. The Board shall have the general care and regulation of all the concerns of Grand Lodge.

108. Recommendations, petitions, or representations, of any kind, to be received by the Board, must be in writing and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board,

109. All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, to Grand Lodge or to other Boards or Committees, or any Lodge or brother, shall be in writing through the office of the Grand Secretary.

110. The Board shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, in preference to other business.

111. The Board may appoint Committees from among its members for specific purposes, who must report to the Board.

112. All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in the minute book by the Grand Secretary.

113. The standing committees of the Board shall consist of Jurisprudence, Grievances and Appeals, Condition of Masonry, Fraternal Relations and Correspondence, Finance, Charters and New Lodges, Credentials and Reception.



114. The Finance Committee shall meet quarterly and at such other time or times as the Chairman thereof may require or decide, for the transaction and dispatch of business. This Committee shall prepare for presentation to Grand Lodge an Annual Budget covering the operations of the Grand Lodge office and Grand Lodge, including the expenses of its officers. No expenditure shall be authorized by this committee which has not been duly budgeted, except for such extraordinary contingencies as may be sanctioned by the Grand Master.

115. Each other committee shall meet at the call of its Chairman for the current year and he shall receive all reports, etc., to be submitted to the Committee, preside at such meetings and communicate the decisions of the Committee to the Board of General Purposes. The Chairman of each committee shall have power to add to the number of the said committee.

116. The Standing Committees shall report through the Board to Grand Lodge.

### **Special Committees**

117. The following Special Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at least one month previous to each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge:

1. On the Grand Master's Address.
2. On the Grand Secretary's Report.
3. On Fraternal Dead.

118. The Committee on Masonic Research and Education shall be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after the communication of Grand Lodge in each year, the Committee to consist of not more than seven members, who shall report to Grand Lodge through him. Other Special Committees may be appointed and shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

### **Permanent Committee on the Work**

119. There shall be a permanent Committee on the Work, consisting of four members appointed by the Grand Master. Vacancies for any reason shall be filled by appointment by the Grand Master.

120. The Committee shall be known as "The Committee on the Work" and shall control and supervise all ritual and ceremonial practices duly authorized by Grand Lodge. It shall not however, make any change in any authorized Work or practice without the sanction of Grand Lodge.

121. The Committee shall have power to interpret and rule upon the Work authorized by Grand Lodge on the means, appliances, technicalities and observances necessary and incidental to the exemplification of any Rite or Ceremony sanctioned by Grand Lodge and in general upon all matters on the etiquette or Masonic ceremonial in this jurisdiction.

122. The Committee or any member thereof may attend a District Meeting in its or his official

capacity, but shall not be obligated to do so. Any request for rulings or for answer to enquiry shall be made in writing under the seal of a lodge and the official reply thereto shall emanate from the office of the Grand Secretary.

122 (a). The Grand Secretary shall maintain a file of all rulings and decisions of the Committee and the Chairman of the Committee shall, through the Board of General Purposes, report to Grand Lodge annually, listing rulings and making such recommendations as the Committee may deem necessary.

#### **Annual Communications of Grand Lodge.**

123. The Grand Master having taken his seat and having opened Grand Lodge the following shall constitute the agenda. The order may at any time be suspended or changed by the Grand Master. The agenda shall be printed and distributed.

- I. Confirming the minutes of previous communications.
- II. Reading and referring the Grand Master's Address.
- III. Reading correspondence, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.
- IV. Receiving the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and referring them to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

- V. Presenting the report of the Grand Treasurer and referring it to the Committee on Finance.
- VI. Presenting report of the Grand Secretary and referring it to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report.
- VII. Presenting report of the Grand Librarian and referring it to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education.
- VIII. Presenting the report of the Board of General Purposes.
- IX. Presenting the reports of the Standing Committees of the Board and dealing therewith in the following order:
  - (a) On Jurisprudence.
  - (b) On Grievances and Appeals.
  - (c) On the Condition of Masonry.
  - (d) On the Fraternal Relations and Correspondence.
  - (e) On Finance.
  - (f) On Charters and New Lodges.
  - (g) On Credentials and Reception.
- X. Presentations of the reports of the Special Committees and dealing therewith in the following order:
  - (a) On the Grand Master's Address.

- (b) On the Grand Secretary's Report.
- (c) On Fraternal Dead.
- (d) Report of Board of Benevolence.
- (e) On Masonic Research and Education.

- XI. Motions in their order.
- XII. Notices of Motion.
- XIII. Unfinished Business.
- XIV. General Business.
- XV. Election of Officers.
- XVI. Installation of Officers.

124. Grand Lodge may leave any particular matter to the determination of the Grand Master. Subject to this provision all matters brought up for discussion in Grand Lodge shall be decided by a majority of votes, each member present having one vote, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of a tie. Each member when voting shall hold up one of his hands. The Grand Deacons shall count the votes unless the numbers, in the opinion of the Grand Master, be so unequal as to render the counting unnecessary.

125. When a brother appeals from the decision of the Grand Master given while Grand Lodge is in session, he shall state briefly the grounds of his appeal. The Grand Master may then state the reasons for his decision and, without further

debate, shall put the question, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" When the vote has been taken the decision of Grand Lodge shall be announced.

126. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, the Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

127. A brother shall not speak twice on the same question, unless in explanation, or as the mover of a motion in reply.

128. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; and no brother shall presume to interrupt him except to address the Grand Master on a point of order. The Grand Master may call him to order.

129. If any brother shall have been called to order twice for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same session, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave Grand Lodge for that session.

### Fees

130. The following shall be the fees payable to Grand Lodge:

For a dispensation for a new Lodge, twenty-five dollars.

For a charter, thirty-five dollars.

For a new charter, in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified, fifteen dollars.

For every affiliate from within this jurisdiction a registration fee of one dollar, and for every affiliate coming from a sister jurisdiction a registration fee of five dollars, of which four dollars shall be credited to the Benevolent Fund.

For every person initiated in a Lodge, a registration fee of two dollars.

For a Master Mason's certificate, two dollars.

For a Grand Lodge certificate, to replace one lost or cancelled, one dollar.

For a Past Master's certificate, one dollar.

For a Life Member's certificate, one dollar.

For a dispensation to confer any degree in less time than four weeks, two dollars.

For a dispensation to initiate a person from without the jurisdiction of the Lodge, two dollars.

For a dispensation to change the regular night of meeting, two dollars.

For a dispensation to attend Divine Service in Masonic clothing, one dollar.

For a dispensation to hold a special election or installation of officers or of an elective officer of a Lodge, one dollar.

For a dispensation for any purpose not otherwise provided for, a fee not exceeding two dollars.

131. Each Lodge shall pay for every member thereof to Grand Lodge for its purposes and undertakings the sum of \$1.50 per annum, to be apportioned by the Grand Lodge as follows:

The sum of \$1.25 to the General Fund.

The sum of 25c to the Relief Fund.

Where a Lodge remits the dues of members on active service, Grand Lodge shall remit the per capita tax to the lodge.

131a. In the event of the income of the General Fund in any year being insufficient to meet the expenditures on General Account, a sum up to, but not exceeding \$1,000.00 may be paid by the Relief Fund to the General Fund Current Account.

132. Each Lodge shall pay all fees and dues half-yearly to the Grand Secretary with its return, viz., within one week after June 30th and December 31st of each year. Any Lodge which shall fail to pay such fees before the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall not be entitled to representation in Grand Lodge nor to any vote therein.

133. A fine of five dollars per month for each month's delay shall be imposed upon every Lodge, the returns of which shall not have been mailed to the Grand Secretary's office on or before February 1st and August 1st in each year.



## Certificates

134. The following Grand Lodge Certificates shall be issued:

To a brother upon being registered in the books of Grand Lodge as having been initiated, passed and raised in a Lodge.

To a member of a Lodge which has ceased to meet, to enable him to affiliate with another Lodge; such certificate to state that he was a member, that he had been registered, and that his Grand Lodge dues are paid.

To any Past Master under this Grand Lodge who desires the same and pays therefor one dollar into the funds of Grand Lodge.

To a brother who has lost a certificate issued to him by Grand Lodge, a new certificate setting forth the essential facts contained in the original certificate.

135. All Grand Lodge certificates shall be issued by the Grand Secretary, with the seal of Grand Lodge attached, and shall be in such form as the Board of General Purposes may from time to time direct.

136. Every Master Mason shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of Grand Lodge.

137. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid.

138. A brother shall not be entitled to obtain a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of Masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

139. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degree.

140. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary; and if the name of a brother desiring a certificate has not been previously registered the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

### **Lodges**

141. A "Lodge" shall mean a Lodge working under a warrant of this Grand Lodge. A "Lodge" under "Dispensation" shall mean a Lodge working under a dispensation from the Grand Master, and possessing no powers or privileges other than such as are conferred by its dispensation.

### **Officers of Lodges**

142. The officers of a Lodge are: The Master, the Immediate Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard, two

Stewards, and the Tyler, to which may be added a Registrar, a Director of Ceremonies, and an Organist and they shall severally hold their offices until their successors, respectively, have been regularly elected or appointed and installed or invested in their stead. The Master only is installed, the other officers are invested, and no installation or investiture of any elective officer can be performed by proxy. The investiture of an officer elected at the annual election, but not invested at the date of annual installation, shall relate back to the latter date.

143. A brother shall not be eligible for office of Master of a Lodge unless he shall have served for twelve months as Warden in a Lodge under warrant or under dispensation in this jurisdiction, except by dispensation of the Grand Master, and a brother shall not be entitled to Past rank in any office in the Lodge unless he has served a full term of twelve months.

144. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the regular meeting in May or November or at a Regular meeting next preceding the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist and a majority of the votes cast by members present shall be necessary to elect. They shall be installed and invested on the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or of St. John the Baptist, or at a meeting held not later than the Regular meeting in January or July following.

145. Should any Lodge fail to hold such election or installation at the time above named, upon

good cause being shown therefor, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation to hold such election or installation (or both) at another time.

146. Any officer of a Lodge other than the Master may resign his office. Should any officer die, resign his office or become permanently incapable by removal or otherwise of performing the duties thereof, application may be made to the Grand Master for a dispensation to elect and invest a successor thereto. Such dispensation shall be issued only on the application of the Lodge and approved by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting.

147. The Chaplain, Deacons and such other subordinate officers as the by-laws of each Lodge shall designate shall be appointed by the Master after his election and the officers so appointed shall be properly invested as soon as practicable after their appointment. The Tyler shall be elected at the annual meeting by open ballot and may at any time be removed for cause by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

147a. A member of a Lodge may not hold more than one office therein at the same time.

148. All preferment among Masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; therefore a brother shall not be elected Master of a Lodge, or appointed to any office therein merely on account of seniority of rank. A Master-elect shall not assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed. It is necessary, previous to the installation of a Master,

that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of the Master not be confirmed then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge, setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master; and on the confirmation of that election, at the following regular meeting of the Lodge, the installation of the Master will follow.

149. An examining Board composed of three installed Masters or all the installed Masters of the Lodge, whichever shall be less in number, shall be elected by open vote at the same time as the election of officers is held, and a brother shall not be installed Master of a Lodge, unless the Examining Board reports in writing that he can confer the three degrees of Masonry and is familiar with the duties of Master of a Lodge.

150. Every Master before being placed in the chair shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the established usages and customs, to preserve the landmarks of the Order and strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

151. Two or more Lodges may by resolution hold the installation and investiture of officers in the same Lodge room, and for such purpose shall bring the minute books, by-laws and warrants to the place of installation.

### **Powers and Duties of the Master**

152. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to Lodges, and

is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts required by lawful authority.

153. The Master has not the power to suspend the declaration of the ballot.

154. The Master may congregate his Lodge whenever he shall deem it necessary and cause all summons to be issued therefor. He shall preside at all meetings of his Lodge, and confer or cause to be conferred, all degrees and give or cause to be given the lectures appertaining to each degree, at the time it is conferred, in accordance with "The Work" ordained by Grand Lodge.

155. The Master shall superintend the official acts of all the officers of his Lodge and see that their respective duties are properly discharged.

156. The Master shall carefully guard against any infraction by the members of his Lodge, of its by-laws, of the Constitution or Regulations of Grand Lodge or of the general regulations of Masonry.

157. The officers of a Lodge shall, when required so to do for the purpose of an enquiry, appear before the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, or any Board or Committee lawfully constituted.

### Lodge Moneys and Accounts

158. All moneys received or paid on account of the Lodge shall be duly entered in proper

books by the Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The accounts of the Lodge shall be duly audited at least once a year by the Auditors, who shall report such audit to the Lodge on the first or second regular meeting after the installation of officers.

### **Lodge Meetings**

159. A Lodge of Emergency for the transaction of any business proper thereto, may, by direction of the Master or, in his absence, the Senior Warden, or, in their absence, the Junior Warden, be called at any time on seven clear days' notice. The reason for calling such a meeting shall be stated in the summons, and no business except that so stated shall be transacted at the meeting. A Lodge of Emergency for the purpose of attending the funeral of a deceased brother may be called by like direction on reasonable notice.

160. The day and hour of the regular meetings of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws.

161. A summons ordered for a regular meeting must be served seven clear days before the meeting. The posting or delivery of a summons shall be regarded as good service thereof. All notices whether printed or written must bear the Seal of the Lodge and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

162. The Master of every Lodge shall cause the Secretary, to send a copy of every summons,

issued to the members of his Lodge, to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated and to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. He shall cause to be sent to the Grand Secretary and each Lodge in his district, and to all other Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, the names in full and occupations of all persons whose application for initiation or affiliation has been rejected at any meeting. He shall cause to be sent to the Grand Secretary immediately after the installation of officers, a certified list of the officers of his Lodge elected and appointed. He shall cause to be sent to the Grand Secretary the half yearly returns of his Lodge immediately after June 30th, and December 31st in each year.

163. No jewels shall be worn in a Lodge other than those specified for the officers, except the jewel of a Past Master, the Past District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Representatives or jewels authorized by Grand Lodge or by any recognized Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M.

164. A Lodge may not remove its place of meeting from that named in its dispensation or charter, unless notice shall have been given at a regular meeting that a resolution of such removal will be offered at the next succeeding one, nor unless such resolution shall have been adopted by the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at such succeeding regular meeting; nor shall such removal then take place until the action of the Lodge shall have been approved by Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, or (if from one place to another within his district) the District Deputy Grand Master.



165. All the business of the Lodge must be done in the third degree, except the actual conferring of degrees or ceremonies otherwise provided for. When conferring degrees is the order of business the Lodge need only be opened at the discretion of the Master in such degree or degrees as are to be conferred and closed in the same degrees only.

166. If the Master of the Lodge be not present then the Senior Warden or in his absence the Junior Warden shall rule the Lodge, but in such case neither the Senior nor the Junior Warden shall administer the obligation or communicate the secret work in conferring degrees.

167. A brother below the rank of installed Master may not occupy the Master's chair. Wardens when ruling the Lodge shall be stationed at the right of the Master's chair.

168. All voting in a Lodge shall be by show of hands, except in cases where the Constitution requires a ballot or were the Lodge shall, by show of hands, taken without debate, decide that a ballot be taken.

169. A motion to rescind or reconsider a resolution adopted by a Lodge shall not be allowed, unless notice thereof be given at the preceding regular meeting.

170. A Lodge shall not adjourn from day to day.

171. At all meetings of a Lodge, whether regular or emergent, seven brethren shall be a quorum

and no business other than conferring degrees shall be transacted at any meeting unless at least seven members of the Lodge are present.

172. If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, and be admonished by the Master, and persist in his irregular conduct, the Master may order him to leave the Lodge, and if he disobey such order, or of his offence in the opinion of the Master, justifies suspension, he may suspend him. Such suspension with the reason therefor, shall be forthwith reported by the Master to the Grand Master and shall last only until action is taken by him.

173. A member shall not violate the secrecy of the ballot on candidates for initiation or membership, by stating how he voted or intended to vote, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or by revealing a brother's vote.

174. In the case of a Masonic trial, where the charge laid relates to a ballot for initiation or membership, any brother shall be at liberty to disclose how he voted in that particular case.

### Lodge Books and Records

175. Every Lodge shall through its Secretary report to the Grand Secretary immediately after their occurrence all rejections, suspensions and restorations in the forms provided and shall notify all adjoining Lodges, all Lodges in the same Masonic district and all other Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction.

176. Every Lodge shall procure from the Grand Secretary, the several books required to be kept by the Secretary of the Lodge, the forms prescribed by Grand Lodge and a cabinet and cards necessary for the filing of Lodge records.

177. Every Lodge shall keep the following books in such forms as may be prescribed.

i. A minute book in which shall be recorded in accordance with the forms prescribed by Grand Lodge, all the transactions of the Lodge proper to be written.

ii. A book containing the by-laws for the signature of the name in full of each member in the order of his admission to the Lodge.

iii. A register in which shall be recorded the names in full of all belonging to the Lodge; the dates of their initiation, passing, raising or affiliation; the name, number and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated were last previously members; the age and occupation of each when received; and the dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death or restoration.

iv. A black book in which he shall record the full name or names of those rejected, expelled, suspended or restored by any of the Lodges so far as he shall receive the proper notice thereof.

v. An attendance register in the Tyler's room in which all members and visitors shall record their names, numbers and locations of their respective Lodges, before entering the Lodge.

vi. Such account books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of each member with the Lodge, the receipts of the Secretary, and his payments to the Treasurer, and shall preserve the book of Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge, which may from time to time be published, with all the printed proceedings thereof as promulgated by its order, together with an abstract copy of semi-annual returns sent to the Grand Secretary.

178. All documents and papers of every kind whatsoever including all lodge summonses emanating from a chartered lodge or from its Master or Secretary in his official capacity must bear the impress or imprint of its seal, or they shall be considered null and of no effect.

179. An impress of the seal or of any amendment thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

### Lodge By-Laws

180. Every Lodge may frame by-laws for its own government, which must be in harmony with the Constitution of Grand Lodge. The by-laws and any amendments made thereto must be sent in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, under seal of the Lodge for the approval of the Grand Master, and no by-laws or amendments shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

181. All clauses in the by-laws of Lodges conflicting with this Constitution are hereby repealed.

182. The by-laws of a Lodge shall be fairly written or printed in a book, and shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation. Every brother shall subscribe to them when he becomes a member of the Lodge and shall at all reasonable times have access thereto and he shall be furnished by the Lodge with a printed copy on his initiation or affiliation. A copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

183. A Lodge shall not, on any occasion or on any pretence whatever, suspend any of its by-laws.

### Initiation

184. A candidate who can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge and who is mentally and morally worthy of admission is a fit subject to become a Mason.

185. A candidate must at the time of his application be of the full age of twenty-one years, free born, his own master and known to be in reputable circumstances.

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Section 186. A Lodge shall not initiate, pass or raise more than five candidates in one day.

187. A Lodge shall not initiate a candidate until he has been balloted for and accepted and a petition shall not be received from any rejected candidate for initiation dated within twelve months from the time of such rejection unless by special dispensation from the Grand Master. The application for such dispensation must be made

by the Lodge by a unanimous vote by ballot, and the consent in writing of the Lodge which previously rejected such application if such renewal application is to a different Lodge.

187a. A candidate may not be initiated until at least seven clear days after his acceptance.

188. A Lodge shall not make a Mason for a smaller fee than Forty dollars, or remit or postpone the payment of any part of its initiation fee.

189. A petition shall not be received unless the applicant has resided for one year immediately previous to the date of his petition in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and six months in the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission or unless he produce a certificate of character from the Lodge nearest to the place of his previous residence, with a dispensation granted by the Grand Master.

190. A Lodge shall not receive and act upon the petition of any applicant for initiation whose residence may be nearer some other Lodge under this jurisdiction, than the one to which application is made, without the consent of such nearest Lodge, which consent shall be evidenced by resolution in writing of such nearest Lodge. Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of cities or towns where there is more than one Lodge. Such candidate cannot be initiated without a dispensation therefor from the Grand Master. The jurisdiction of a Lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge by the ordinary way of travel.

191. A dispensation shall not be issued to a Lodge to receive and act upon the petition for degrees of a person who has not the required qualification of residence unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge by a unanimous vote by ballot, and should such dispensation be issued, the petition shall take the usual course of reference and ballot in the Lodge.

192. When the place of residence of an applicant for Initiation within this jurisdiction is nearer a Lodge in a Sister Jurisdiction than a Lodge within this Jurisdiction, such nearer Lodge may receive and act upon the Petition of the applicant, provided the Grand Lodge in such Sister Jurisdiction permits the like privilege in this Jurisdiction.

### Application for Initiation

193. An application for initiation shall be by petition in the prescribed form. The petition shall be signed by the applicant with his full name and the applicant shall be recommended by two Master Masons, who are members in good standing of the Lodge receiving the petition. It shall be sent to the Secretary of the Lodge and shall be read by him at the first regular meeting after its receipt. It shall be accompanied by the fee required by the the by-laws of the Lodge.

194. The petition shall then be referred to a committee appointed by the Worshipful Master privately, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the character of the applicant and any other matter relevant to the petition and to report

thereon to the Lodge at the first regular meeting held after the lapse of not less than eight weeks. Should the committee consider further time necessary, it must report progress. If the Lodge considers there is undue delay, the Master may discharge the original and appoint another committee.

195. A petition either for initiation or affiliation may not be withdrawn after it has been referred to a Committee on Investigation of Character without special permission from the Grand Master, to whom all particulars must be sent through the Grand Secretary.

196. A petition for initiation shall not be balloted on by the Lodge, unless notice thereof, stating particularly the name, age, occupation and place of residence in detail of the candidate, shall have been given in the summons for the meeting at which the petition is to be considered.

197. If the report of the committee is favorable to the candidate, and if proper notice has been given, the ballot must be proceeded with at once. If proper notice has not been given the ballot shall not be taken until the next regular meeting, of which proper notice shall be given.

198. It shall be the duty of the Master before the ballot is taken to satisfy himself that he has jurisdiction to initiate the petitioner.

199. When the order of balloting is reached the Master shall direct the Junior Warden to order members in the ante-room to enter the Lodge. After they have entered, the door shall



not be again opened until after the order of balloting is finished, except to receive the Tyler's vote.

200. The Senior Deacon shall prepare the ballot box and present the same, first to the Junior Warden, then to the Senior Warden and then to the Master for inspection. He shall again present the ballot box to these three officers in the reverse order, for the purpose of balloting and then place the ballot box upon the altar. Beginning with the brother seated at the immediate left of the Master, each brother in turn shall approach the altar and after saluting deposit his ballot and retire, after which the Tyler, if a member of the Lodge, shall be admitted for the purpose of balloting.

When all the members of the Lodge have ballotted, the ballot shall be declared closed and presented, first to the Junior Warden, then to the Senior Warden, and then to the Master, for inspection. If the ballot should be unfavorable the Master shall make no inquiry of the Wardens, but shall destroy it and order a new ballot. If again unfavorable, the usual inquiry shall be made of the Wardens and then the Master shall announce the ballot unfavorable and declare the petitioner rejected. If the ballot is favorable, the Master shall declare the petitioner elected to be initiated into the Lodge at a subsequent meeting.

201. If a Lodge notifies an accepted Petitioner to present himself for Initiation and said Petitioner fails to appear within six months after such notification, then a new Petition and Ballot shall be required.

202. In case objection be made in writing by a member of the Craft to the initiation of a candidate after he has been balloted for and accepted, it shall be the duty of the Master to have the cause of such objection investigated by a Committee of three, preferably Past Masters, and if the said committee consider the objection well made and sustained, the candidate shall be declared rejected and the fee paid by him returned.

203. In case any member of the Craft shall object to the advancement of a brother, such objection must be made in writing and delivered to the Master of the Lodge, who shall forthwith refer the same to a committee of three. The committee may reject the same, in which case the member may be advanced in due course. If the committee deems the objection to be well founded, it shall direct the Junior Warden and it shall be his duty to prefer a charge based on such objection against such brother, to be dealt with under the regulations respecting Masonic trials.

204. A person shall not be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if on the ballot, two black balls or cubes, as the case may be, are cast. Lodges may by by-law require the unanimous consent of the members present.

205. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the Constitution and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the Craft; he must on his initiation sign the by-laws of the Lodge, a copy of which, together

with a copy of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, shall then be presented to him.

206. A petitioner for initiation upon whom the committee has reported unfavorably, or against whom the ballot has been declared unfavorable by the Master, shall be considered a rejected candidate.

207. Every candidate initiated in or affiliated with a Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation or affiliation and is liable for the regular Lodge dues from that date.

208. Every Lodge shall register with the Grand Secretary the names of the brethren initiated or affiliated therein.

209. Should the Lodge neglect so to do, any brother who has not been registered may apply to the Grand Secretary who, on proof being produced that he has paid the full fees of his Lodge, shall give him a certificate which shall entitle him to enjoy the full privileges of the Craft, and the offending Lodge shall be reported to Grand Lodge and shall be proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return, and for retaining moneys which are the property of Grand Lodge.

210. The Lodge shall obtain for every brother initiated therein, when raised, a Grand Lodge certificate which shall be paid for by the Lodge.

211. No higher degree of Masonry shall be conferred on any brother at a shorter interval than four weeks from the date of his receiving a previous degree, except under dispensation

from the Grand Master, nor in any case until he shall have passed an examination in open Lodge in such previous degree.

212. If a Mason shall have been elected to receive the three degrees, and shall have received the first degree or the first and second degrees in one Lodge, he may, at the request of such Lodge, and on its behalf and without additional fees, receive the remaining degree or degrees in another Lodge practising the same work. No petition, reference or ballot will be necessary. A Lodge shall not confer the F.C. or M.M. degrees or both degrees, on a member of another Lodge from a sister jurisdiction until the standing of such Lodge has been certified to by the Grand Secretary.

### Affiliation

213. A brother shall not be admitted a member of a Lodge except upon petition, in the prescribed form, signed by the applicant with his full name, and accompanied by a **dimit or certificate of standing** of the petitioner and presented in open Lodge at a regular meeting, nor unless notice of his name, occupation and place of abode, and the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member shall have been embodied in the summons for the regular meeting, at which the application shall be considered, nor until he has been balloted for as hereinafter provided. All such dimits or certificates of standing must be filed with the Grand Secretary if and when accepted.

214. Every petition for affiliation shall be recommended by at least two members of the Lodge, Master Masons in good standing, and shall be referred to a committee of three or more appointed by the Master, which committee shall report to the Lodge at a regular meeting held after the lapse of not less than eight weeks, and before the ballot is taken, and should the report be unfavorable, the applicant shall be declared rejected without a ballot.

215. An application for affiliation shall not be received by any Lodge from a brother beneath the degree of a Master Mason, unless such brother present a dimit from a sister jurisdiction which authorizes the granting of dimits to members in the other degrees.

216. When a Lodge becomes extinct, any member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed for membership in and admitted a member of another Lodge on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary stating the fact and specifying that the brother has been registered and that his dues are paid.

217. If any member shall be suspended from his Lodge, or shall withdraw from it without having complied with its by-laws or with the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge.

218. An applicant for affiliation who has been rejected, may apply again to the same or any other Lodge without waiting for any specified time.

## Dimits

219. Application for a dimit shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant. The application shall be presented at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, when, if the applicant's dues are paid and no charges are pending against him, the dimit shall be granted. Provided always that if a member whose dues are in arrears or whose dues have been remitted, wishes to resign, he may apply for a dimit which may be granted by resolution of the Lodge. In the case of a member whose dues are in arrears the certificate of dismission granted must state the amount of the member's indebtedness at the date of its issue. Should the indebtedness be paid in full within twelve months, a clear dimit may be issued or the member may again assume active membership as he may desire. If at the expiration of twelve months he should desire to pay such arrears and assume active membership in the same lodge, he may be reinstated by a majority vote taken by means of a written ballot; the petition must be presented at a regular meeting of the lodge, and cannot be acted upon until the next regular meeting, nor until notice of such petition has been inserted in the notice calling the meeting. Should he wish to join another Lodge in this Jurisdiction, other than that issuing the Dimit, an application for affiliation will be required. The Lodge accepting the same will be responsible to the Lodge which issued the dimit for the amount of the indebtedness shown on it. In the case of a member whose dues have been remit-

ted, the certificate of dismission shall state the fact and the amount of the dues which were so remitted.

220. A dimit shall date from the Lodge record when the same was granted and membership shall cease from and after that date.

221. The brother dimitted shall be entitled to a certificate but should the Secretary neglect to furnish it or the brother refuse to receive the same, such neglect or refusal shall not, in any way, invalidate the joint action of the applicant and the Lodge.

222. If any brother shall lose the certificate of his dismission the Secretary of the Lodge shall, upon request and satisfactory proof of such loss, furnish him another certificate with the original date and the fact of re-issuance, which shall be entered upon the record.

223. A dimit shall not be granted to any brother beneath the degree of a Master Mason.

### Visitors

224. A brother in good standing, properly vouched for, may visit a Lodge in the discretion of the Master, provided that if objection be made by a member of the Lodge in good standing, the visitor shall not be admitted.

225. A visitor shall not be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally vouched for by one member of the Craft, or if unknown, after due examination by two or more members present,

nor until he shall have entered his name, Masonic rank, the name of his mother Lodge or the Lodge from which he hails, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose. During his continuance in the Lodge he is subject to its by-laws.

### **Life Membership**

226. Lodges may admit their members other than honorary members to life membership, on such terms as they may determine, but shall nevertheless continue to pay to Grand Lodge the annual dues for such members. Notice of the proposal to elect a brother to life membership shall be given at one regular communication and placed on the notice for the next regular meeting.

227. Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Lodge, and shall be amenable to discipline in the same manner as ordinary members.

### **Honorary Life Membership**

228. A Lodge by ballot may confer honorary life membership upon a brother in good standing, either within or without the jurisdiction, who may have rendered service so the Craft in general or to such Lodge, provided his consent thereto has first been obtained. Notice of the proposal to elect a brother to honorary life membership shall be given at one regular communication and placed on the notice for the next. If the brother is already a member of the Lodge, a majority vote is sufficient, otherwise a unani-



mous vote is required. The Lodge must include honorary life members in its returns to Grand Lodge and in case of honorary life membership conferred upon a member of this jurisdiction pay to Grand Lodge such dues as are payable for ordinary members, and in case of honorary life membership conferred upon a member without this jurisdiction, a registration fee of \$5.00 only. A Lodge under dispensation cannot elect honorary life members.

229. Honorary life membership does not confer the right to vote except in case of such membership conferred upon one already a member of the Lodge by initiation or affiliation.

### Non-Payment of Dues

230. A Lodge shall have power to enact by-laws requiring the payment of Lodge dues.

231. All annual dues of members of Constituent Lodges shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of January in each year.

232. All members of a Constituent Lodge, who, on the 31st day of December, 1936, or on the 31st day of December in any year thereafter, owe unpaid dues for more than one year, shall be, and shall be deemed then suspended *ipso facto*, provided, however, that by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Lodge before such suspension shall take effect, the Lodge may, on a recommendation in writing signed by the following officers of the Lodge viz., the Master, the Wardens, the Treasurer and the

Secretary, remit one or more years of such dues and such remission shall be deemed payment on account.

233. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Constituent Lodge to send during the month of November in each year, a special notice to all members who then owe more than one year's dues, notifying them that they will be suspended under the provisions of the next preceding section, if on the 31st day of December next thereafter they still owe dues for more than one year.

234. In the event of the suspension of any member it shall be the further duty of the Secretary, before the 15th day of January thereafter, to notify by registered letter the suspended members of his suspension, and if a dual member, to also notify the other Lodge. The names of all brethren so suspended shall be read in open Lodge at the regular meeting next following such suspension.

235. Suspensions as aforesaid shall take effect, notwithstanding failure to send out any notice or to read out the names of suspended members.

236. A brother suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored without a ballot upon payment within one year from the date of suspension of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension and such further sum, if any, as the Lodge may require not exceeding the amount of regular Lodge dues for the period he was suspended.

237. If such payment be not made within one year from the date of suspension, he can only

be reinstated by a majority vote taken by means of written ballots. The petition must be presented at a regular meeting of the Lodge and cannot be acted upon before the next regular meeting, nor until notice of such petition has been inserted in the notice calling the meeting. On a petition for reinstatement being presented the Master shall appoint a committee to inquire into the character of the applicant and any other matters relevant to the petition and report thereon to the Lodge at the next regular meeting. if the report of the committee is favorable, a ballot shall be taken as hereinbefore provided, but if the report of the committee is unfavorable, the applicant shall be declared rejected.

238. When a Mason is suspended for non-payment of dues, in this or any other jurisdiction, he is, during such suspension, deprived of all privileges of Masonry in this jurisdiction. A Mason under suspension is not entitled to receive Masonic charity or Masonic burial.

### Miscellaneous

239. The priority of Lodges is derived from the number of their warrant as recorded in the books of Grand Lodge. A Lodge shall not be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other Masonic privileges, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

240. All official communications from the Grand Master, or Grand Secretary, under the seal of

Grand Lodge addressed to a Constituent Lodge must be read in open Lodge at the regular meeting following their receipt, which communications shall be noted in the minutes of the Lodge.

241. Requests to confer a degree or degrees on candidates from without the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge can only be received through the Grand Secretary at the request of the Grand Lodge which has jurisdiction over the Lodge making the request.

242. A brother who has attained the rank of Past Master within the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge, recognized by this Grand Lodge, shall, upon affiliation with any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be entitled to all the rights and privileges of such rank.

243. A Lodge may require from its Treasurer or Secretary, or both, security in such form as may be prescribed for the funds committed to their care.

244. A member of a Lodge shall not, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in any itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

245. The clothing, regalia and furniture of every Lodge belong to and are the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren of such Lodge while legally holding the charter, but should such Lodge surrender its charter or the same be can-

celled, all of its property real and personal and every kind shall ipso facto become the property of Grand Lodge.

246. Every Lodge has jurisdiction over all its own members wherever they may reside. Each Lodge has jurisdiction over all Masons, whether affiliated or not, resident within its territorial limits.

247. Any non-affiliated Mason, who having resided one year within this jurisdiction, shall refuse or neglect to make application for membership to some Lodge therein, shall not be entitled to the benefit of the Benevolent Fund, or to Masonic burial, or to take part in any Masonic ceremony, public or private, or to any Masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any one Lodge in the town or place where he resides more than twice during his secession from the Craft.

248. A Lodge cannot deprive a member of his privileges until after due trial and conviction in strict conformity with the rules prescribed by Grand Lodge.

249. Suspended members are thereby deprived of all their rights and privileges.

250. The suspension of a Lodge places all its members under Masonic disability, except by dispensation to be granted by the Grand Master.

251. A Lodge may by resolution ask permission to surrender its charter or dispensation. Notice of this resolution must have been given

at a regular meeting at which it is proposed to take action. The resolution must be supported by at least three-fourths of the votes cast by the members present when the vote is taken, before the Master can declare its adoption. The assent of Grand Lodge shall be required before the surrender of a charter shall be considered final. The assent of the Grand Master shall be sufficient in the case of a dispensation.

252. If a Lodge is dissolved, its warrant and records shall be delivered up to the Grand Secretary.

253. If the membership of a Lodge be reduced below seven, it shall cease to meet and the warrant, books and papers shall be delivered up to the Grand Secretary.

254. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed upon a Lodge in the Constitution its Charter may be suspended; and for the neglect or violation of any duty imposed upon a Secretary, his Lodge shall be held responsible.

255. A Lodge or brother shall not publish or circulate or cause to be published or circulated any written or printed book, pamphlet, document or letter purporting directly or indirectly to bear the sanction or approval of Grand Lodge unless such sanction or approval has in fact been regularly granted by the Grand Master in writing, duly attested by the Grand Secretary, nor shall any lodge or brother circularize any other Lodges or brethren in this or any other Grand Jurisdiction without the consent of the Grand Master.

### Amalgamation of Lodges

256. Two or more Lodges may amalgamate under one warrant. Each lodge must adopt a resolution to that effect, and each must appoint a committee of three members to arrange the terms therefor. Notice of such resolution shall be given at a preceding meeting in each Lodge.

257. The report of the committee, if favorable, shall recommend for adoption the name and number of one of the Lodges and the time and place for such amalgamation. On the approval of the report of the committee by the Lodges a copy thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each member of said Lodges about to be amalgamated, and unless seven or more members of each of the Lodges notify the Secretary of their Lodge, in writing of the objection to such amalgamation, within ten days from the date of mailing such notices, it shall be carried into effect as soon as the Grand Master shall approve of such amalgamation. The Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, or such other brother as the Grand Master may appoint, shall carry the amalgamation into effect by attending at the time and place named, when the members of the Lodge present shall choose by ballot, the elective officers who, with the officers appointed by the Master-elect, shall be immediately installed or invested, if present.

258. The Secretary shall prepare and deliver to the Master-elect a list of the members of the amalgamated Lodge, which shall be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and forward-

ed to the Grand Secretary within one month after the amalgamation. Every member of any of the Lodges amalgamated shall be a member of the amalgamated Lodge, but any member may pay all his dues and withdraw before such amalgamation has been effected. Any member under suspension for any cause shall have the same rights in the amalgamated Lodge as he would have had in his own Lodge had such amalgamation not taken place.

### Instituting a New Lodge

259. Every application for a dispensation to form a new Lodge must be made by petition, which on application will be supplied by the Grand Secretary, and the same shall be signed by at least seven Master Masons in good standing, residing in this jurisdiction and giving the name and number of the Lodge to which they respectively belong. The petition must be recommended by the nearest Lodge, or where there are two or more Lodges meeting in the same town or city, then by a majority of said Lodges, when the petition accompanied by the written recommendation or recommendations shall be transmitted to the District Deputy Grand Master, who is to forward it, with his recommendation or opinion thereon, to the Grand Secretary to be submitted to the Grand Master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a Lodge until the 15th day of May, preceding the date of the next Annual Communication when the dispensation, together with the historical and Tyler's registers and minute book



shall be returned to the Grand Secretary. Upon the presentation of a petition for a charter and on receipt of a certificate from the District Deputy Grand Master, certifying that the proposed Master and Wardens of the Lodge under dispensation are fully competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry, and should an examination of their books and records prove satisfactory, Grand Lodge may order the issue of a charter to such Lodge and assign it such name (which shall not be the name of a living person) and number on the register as shall be deemed proper and such Lodge shall be duly constituted as soon as convenient by the Grand Master or a representative appointed by him for that purpose.

260. If, in the opinion of the Grand Master, the recommendation of the nearest Lodge or Lodges be unreasonably withheld, he shall have power to waive such recommendation.

261. A motion recommending a new Lodge may be passed at a regular meeting of the nearest Lodge without previous notice.

262. The recommendation from the nearest Lodge or Lodges required for a petition must be passed in open Lodge upon regular resolution. It must be signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge and have the seal of the Lodge attached.

263. Either a dimit or a certificate of good standing of each petitioner must be forwarded with the petition to the Grand Secretary.

264. A warrant for a new Lodge shall not be granted until there is furnished by the District Deputy Grand Master a certificate to the effect that the Lodge, which has been working under dispensation, is provided with suitable Lodge premises, furniture and regalia.

265. Lodges under dispensation may be represented in Grand Lodge at the Annual Meeting at which a warrant is obtained.

266. Only the names of the brethren, who have signed the petition for a new Lodge and who have submitted therewith either a dimit or a certificate of good standing, shall be entered upon the warrant as charter members.

### Dual Membership

267. A brother shall not be a member of more than two Lodges in this jurisdiction at the same time (except as an honorary or as a life member).

268. The Secretary of any Lodge which accepts the petition for affiliation of any brother who is already a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall immediately notify, in writing, the Secretary of such other Lodge that the affiliation has taken place.

269. The Secretary of each Lodge shall keep a record of dual membership held by any of its members.

270. If a member of any Lodge who holds membership in any other Lodge in this juris-

diction, resigns his membership or becomes suspended or expelled therefrom, for any cause, the Secretary of such Lodge shall immediately notify the Secretary of the other Lodge by writing, under his hand and the seal of the Lodge. Any member of any Lodge in this jurisdiction holding membership in any other Lodge in this jurisdiction who is suspended or expelled from either Lodge is automatically suspended or expelled from the other Lodge.

271. A brother holding dual membership shall pay annual dues to both Lodges and both Lodges shall pay regular fees and dues to Grand Lodge. (Section 130).

272. A brother below the rank of Master Mason may not hold dual membership

273. A Past Master, member of more than one Lodge, when attending Grand Lodge or a District Meeting, shall name the Lodge under which he will claim his ballot and accept ballot papers for one vote only.

### Public Processions

274. No public procession, except a Masonic funeral, shall on any pretence be allowed, without the permission of the Grand Master.

275. If any brother shall attend as a Mason, clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the Craft, at any public procession, except a Masonic funeral, without the permission of the Grand

Master, he shall be liable to suspension. And if any Lodge shall so offend, it shall be suspended until Grand Lodge shall determine thereon.

### Clothing and Insignia

276. An honorary or other jewel shall not be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any Constituent Lodge, which shall not appertain to the degrees of Craft Masorny. (Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges may wear the Regalia authorized by their Grand Lodges). The expense of procuring the clothing and jewel for the District Deputy Grand Master shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

### Jewels

277. The following Masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft:

THE GRAND MASTER—The compasses extended to 45 degrees with the segment of a circle at the points, and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated, with a triangle also irradiated.

PAST GRAND MASTER—A similar jewel without the gold plate.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER—The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER—The compasses and square only.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER—The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre, the whole to be placed within a circle, on which the number of the district is to be engraved.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER—The same, omitting the five pointed star in the centre.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN—The level.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN—The plumb.

GRAND TREASURER—A chased key.

GRAND SECRETARY—Crossed pens, with a tie.

GRAND REGISTRAR—A scroll.

GRAND CHAPLAIN—A book on a triangle.

GRAND DEACONS—Dove and olive branch.

GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES—Cross-rods.

GRAND ORGANIST—A lyre.

GRAND PURSUIVANT—Arms of the Grand Lodge with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist and Grand Pursuivant are to be within a circle, with an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

The jewel of the Grand Stewards of the Grand Lodge is a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven "Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

GRAND TYLER—The sword in a circle on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Grand Tyler.

All of the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

MASTER OF LODGE—The square.

PAST MASTER—The square and the diagram of the 47th proposition, first book of Euclid engraven on a silver plate pendent within it.

SENIOR WARDEN—The level.

JUNIOR WARDEN—The plumb.

TREASURER—The keys

SECRETARY—The cross pens.

REGISTRAR—The scroll.

CHAPLAIN—A book on a triangle.

DEACONS—The dove.

DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES—The cross rods.

ORGANIST—"The lyre.

INNER GUARD—The cross swords.

STEWARDS—The cornucopia.

TYLER—The sword.

All of the above jewels to be of silver.

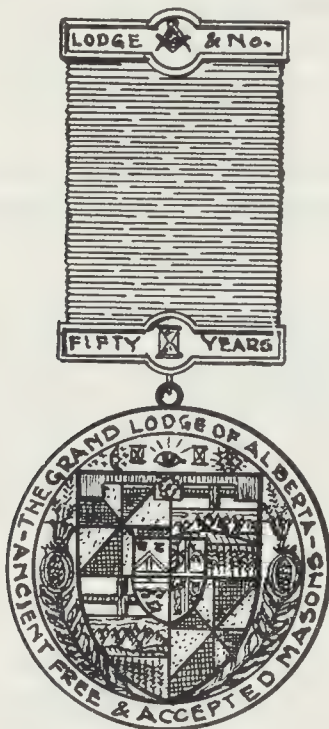
PRESENTATION JEWEL  
PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND  
MASTER

Ribbon used to be garter blue; with top supporting band; hung from which is the square and the 47th proposition of the first book of Euclid; below which is a band with the initials P.D.D.G.M., then the Alberta Coat or Arms and at the bottom a plain band suitable for inscription; hung from this band being a circle containing the words Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., and containing the square and compasses.

PRESENTATION JEWEL, FIFTY YEAR

All Master Masons shall be eligible to receive this jewel who have had full fifty years active membership in any Grand Lodge, the jurisdiction of which is recognized by this Grand Body, provided he has been a member for a period of not less than fifteen years in this jurisdiction and that he has received the recommendation of the Lodge to which he belongs.

The design of the Jewel shall be as follows:



Ribbon used to be sky-blue with the top supporting band as cut, with the name and number of the Lodge engraved thereon, divided by the square and compasses with the letter "G" in the



centre. On the lower bar the words "Fifty Years" are engraved, divided by the hour glass. Suspended from this bar is the Jewel which consists of a quartered shield with the Dexter Chief and the Sinister base. On the Sinister Chief and the Dexter base are shown the Arms of the Province of Alberta, and over the Chief a label is shown consisting of three points, the centre point charged with a rose and each of the other two with a canton in red. In the centre of the shield on the fesse point is an inescutcheon of the Arms of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and on each side of the shield a wreath or garland consisting of the ears of corn, lily and pomegranate. On top of the shield is shown the All-seeing Eye between two hour glasses, the Sun, the Moon and Stars. Surrounding the whole is a circle on which is engraved Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. The back of the Jewel is plain so that the name of the recipient, together with the date and any other particulars, can be engraved thereon. The Jewel and bars will be of sterling silver and finished in colors of hard enamel.

Additional Bars, similar in design, may be added to mark "Sixty Years" or "Seventy Years."

Grand Lodge will provide the Die, the Lodge making the recommendation to defray the cost of Jewel only.

### Collars

278. OF THE GRAND LODGE—To be chain collars of gilt or gold on garter blue ribbon.

OF LODGES—To be sky-blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver chain be used it must be placed over a blue ribbon.

The Grand Stewards of the year to wear collars of crimson, four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

All Past Grand Officers, except Past Grand Masters (who are entitled to wear chains), to wear the collars of their late offices, but without the pendant jewel—a similar but smaller jewel, in enamel, being worn on the breast.

### Aprons

279. The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the flap; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The aprons of the District Deputy Grand Masters to have the emblem of their office in gold embroidery in the centre and the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered on the edging one on each side.

GRAND OFFICERS of the GRAND LODGE,  
PRESENT and PAST—Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to four-

teen inches deep, square at the bottom, lined with garter-blue, edging of the same color three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblem of their office, in gold or blue, in the centre.

#### GRAND STEWARDS, PRESENT AND PAST

—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with crimson edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels.

#### THE MASTERS AND PAST MASTERS OF

LODGES—To wear in lieu and place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be half an inch broad. If Grand Officers, similar emblems of garter-blue or gold.

ENTERED APPRENTICE — A plain white lambskin of the same dimensions without ornament, white strings.

FELLOW CRAFT—A plain white lambskin similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

MASTER MASON—The same, with sky-blue lining, and edging, one and a half inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or orna-

ment shall be allowed except to Officers of Lodges who may have the emblems of their office in the centre of the apron.

### Regalia

280. In the Grand Lodge, and on all occasions where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, they shall wear the following regalia:

**GRAND MASTER**—Chain with nine stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

**DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**—Chain with seven stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**—Chain with five stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

**SENIOR GRAND AND JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS**—Chain with five stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold and jewel.

**GRAND TREASURER, GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND REGISTRAR, GRAND CHAPLAIN**—Chain with five stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered, in gold, and jewel.

**GRAND STEWARDS OF THE YEAR**—Regulation collar, apron and jewel.

**ALL OTHER GRAND OFFICERS**—Chain with three stars over blue collar, and apron all bound in gold, and jewel.

# **Installation of the Officers of a Lodge**

## **General Directions**

(It is highly desirable that this ceremony shall be conducted without the aid of a book.)

The installation of the Officers of a new Lodge follows after the ceremony of Constitution and is conducted by the Grand Master or his representative. In an old Lodge it is the right of every Master, subject to the prerogative of the Grand Master, to install his successor or to cause him to be installed. The Installing Officer must be assisted by at least two installed Masters, one of whom shall act as Director of Ceremonies. The newly installed Master may invest the other officers of the Lodge or these duties may be fulfilled by the Installing Officer.

Two or more Lodges may by resolution hold the installation and investiture of officers in the same Lodge room and for such purpose shall bring the minute books, by-laws and warrants to the place of Installation.

(See section 151 of the Constitution.)

The Director of Ceremonies will see that the jewels of the officers to be installed, the rods and sword, together with a small Bible, square and compasses, a Constitution, the Charter, and a copy of the Lodge by-laws are placed on a table, so arranged that he can promptly hand them to the Installing Officer when required.

The Lodge is opened in the third degree (or severally in the first, second and third degrees.)

## RECEPTION OF VISITORS

### Ceremonies to be Observed When a Grand Officer Visits a Lodge

When the Worshipful Master is informed that a Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer (elective) of this Grand Lodge, or a Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer (elective) of a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge intends to visit the Lodge, he shall ascertain from him, informally, whether he desires to be received without form or in form. It is not necessary that any formal announcement of the presence of the Grand Officer be made before he presents himself at the door. The Worshipful Master, being informed as to the pleasure of the visiting officer, will then proceed in the manner following:

#### Reception in Form

In this case, the officers will be directed by the Worshipful Master to attend on the visiting Grand Officer. If it be the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master exercising the powers of Grand Master, he is to be preceded by two Stewards with white rods, and is to be supported on either hand by the Deacons with rods. If it be any other elective Grand Officer, he is to be preceded by two Stewards with rods. If any other Grand Officers are present with the chief visiting Grand Officer, they will take their appropriate places in the procession. Visiting brethren, not officers, who may accompany the visiting Grand Officer, will follow the Stewards.

It is proper for the Worshipful Master to appoint a committee of one or two Past Masters of the Lodge to salute the visiting Grand Officer before he enters the Lodge, and to present him to the Worshipful Master. The brethren so appointed will take their places immediately behind the Stewards. The Deacons will stand within the door of the Lodge and assume their duties as soon as the Grand Officer enters the door.

When the Grand Officer signifies his readiness, the procession will approach the door of the Lodge, and the Tyler, without any alarm, will open the door, advance a short space into the Lodge and at once and without awaiting permission to speak, will announce in a loud and distinct voice as follows:

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, or the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, as the case may be. He will then retire and close the door when the visiting officer has entered.

As soon as the announcement is made, the Worshipful Master will call up the Lodge.

The procession will proceed to the west side of the Altar, and will open the ranks so that the visiting officer may stand in front of the Altar.

He will then be introduced and saluted with the Grand Honors.

*The Grand Honors are as follows:*

*Nine for the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters.*

*Seven for the Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.*

*Five for all other elected Grand Officers, and elected Past Grand Officers, and*

*Three for all other distinguished brethren.*

*The Grand Honors are given as follows:*

*The brethren stand with hands at their sides. The first movement is to strike the thighs with the palms. The second movement is to cross the arms over the breast, the left over the right, and the palms sharply striking the shoulders. The third movement is to raise the hands above the head, striking the palms together. This is repeated nine times. Then nine smart claps are given with the right palm on the left palm; nine with left on right; nine with right on left; then one, right on left; one, left on right; and one, right on left; stamping the right foot with each of the single claps.*

The Worshipful Master will then address the visiting Grand Officer with words of welcome, and invite him to the East. The visitors will then take such place as may be indicated by the Worshipful Master. When the visiting Grand officer approaches the East, the Worshipful Master will vacate his station and deliver the gavel. When a Grand Officer presides in a constituent Lodge, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge has the right to a seat at his right hand.



### Reception Without Form

In this case, a Past Master will be appointed to attend the visiting officer and introduce him. The officer conducts him to the west of the Altar, and says:

Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Most Worshipful Brother or Right Worshipful Brother -----.

The Worshipful Master calls up the Lodge, and says:

Most Worshipful Brother or Right Worshipful Brother -----, it gives me pleasure to introduce to you the members of ----- Lodge, No. -----, and to welcome you among us. Kindly take a seat in the East.

### Reception of Visiting Brethren

When a brother visits a Lodge, and has been examined and vouched for, the Worshipful Master will send a Past Master or the Senior Deacon to introduce him. The officer conducts him to the west of the Altar, and says:

Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Brother ----- of ----- Lodge, No. -----.

The Worshipful Master calls up the lodge, and says:

Brother -----, it gives me pleasure to introduce to you the members of ----- Lodge, No. -----, and to welcome you to a

seat among us. We meet on \_\_\_\_\_, and shall be very glad to welcome you to any of our meetings.

If the visitor is a Worshipful Master or a Past Master, he should be invited to a seat in the East.

The Worshipful Master should see that the proper courtesies are extended to visiting brethren, to make them feel that they are welcome.

*NOTE: Upon the entrance of a Past Master of the Lodge the brethren should be called up out of courtesy and the Worshipful Master may invite him to a seat in the East.*

## **Rules and Regulations Governing Grants Made by the Board of Benevolence**

1. Grand Lodge grants to a brother or to relatives of a deceased brother are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the lodge recommending the application.

2. All applications for relief must be made on forms which will be furnished by the Grand Secretary to whom they must be sent when properly completed.

3. Each application for relief shall be made through a lodge and shall be signed by the Master or presiding officer and the Secretary thereof, with the seal of the lodge affixed, and in no case shall an application be made through an individual brother. It shall be imperative for a lodge intending to recommend an application for relief to pass a resolution to that effect in open lodge, record the same in the minutes and attach a copy thereof to the application.

4. In cases of pressing need arising between meetings of the Board of Benevolence, interim grants for purposes of temporary relief may be made by the President or Vice-President and the Grand Secretary, with the approval of the M.W. the Grand Master.

5. Grants shall be payable by cheque, signed by the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman or Acting Chairman of the Committee on Finance, in favour of the beneficiary, a lodge or such person or organization as the Board may decide.

6. Grants may not be made to an unaffiliated brother or to relatives of a deceased brother, who at the time of his death was an unaffiliated Mason, unless by unanimous consent of the members present at a regularly convened meeting of the Board of Benevolence and with the approval of the Grand Master but in no case shall a Mason under sentence of suspension or expulsion be entitled to Masonic benevolence.

(By an unaffiliated Mason is meant one who has been a member in a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, but who has ceased to be such.)

7. Grants shall not be made from this Fund for the purpose of defraying funeral expenses, except that in extraordinary circumstances, by unanimous consent of the members present at a regularly convened meeting of the Board of Benevolence and with the approval of the Grand Master and subject to Clause 1, of these regulations, a grant may be made in the case of one who has been a beneficiary of Grand Lodge, but in no case shall such grant exceed the sum of \$100.00.

8. MEETINGS: The Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence shall meet regularly once a month and the presence of at least three members shall constitute a quorum. Notice of these meetings shall be mailed to every member of the Board and the minutes of each meeting shall also be mailed to each member as soon as possible after each meeting. The Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Board.

9. **EXPENSES:** Any expenses in connection with the operation of the Board such as travelling expenses of members residing outside of the City of Calgary, incurred in attending meetings, and the travelling expenses incurred by the order of the Board of any of its members in the execution of matters concerning its benevolence, shall be paid out of the Relief Fund Savings Account, after being regularly passed by the Board, the meeting of the Board at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge being especially excepted.

10. The Board of Benevolence of Grand Lodge shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, together with six members elected by Grand Lodge who shall hold office for two years, three to be elected each year, who shall be eligible for re-election at the will of Grand Lodge. In addition thereto there shall be appointed by the Grand Master in consultation with the President of the Board of Benevolence, two members who shall hold office for one year only.

11. The Board shall, immediately following the close of the Grand Lodge Session, appoint a President and Vice-President and name the day and time of the regular monthly meeting.

# **Burial Service**

## **General Regulations**

A Mason cannot be interred with the formalities of the Order, unless it be at his own request, or that of some member of his family, communicated to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of which he died a member; foreigners and transient Brethren excepted.

None but Master Masons can be buried with Masonic Honors. From this rule there is no exception.

A Master Mason is not entitled to Masonic burial unless he be a member in good standing of some Lodge.

Fellow Crafts or Entered Apprentices while not entitled to Masonic burial, may join Masonic procession on such occasions.

A Lodge may not unite in the funeral service or procession of a person not a Mason.

The Worshipful Master of a Lodge, having received a notice of a Master Mason's death, and a request that he be interred with the Ceremonies of the Order, and being himself satisfied of its propriety, fixes the day and hour for the funeral and issues his command to summon the Lodge. He may invite as many Lodges as he thinks proper; and the members of those Lodges may accompany their officers in form, but the whole ceremony must be under the direction of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge to which the deceased belonged, and he and his officers must be duly honored and cheerfully obeyed on

the occasion, except where the M. W. the Grand Master, or in his absence, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, is present and exercises his authority. In case the deceased was not a member of any of the attending Lodges, the procession and ceremony must be under the direction of the Worshipful Master of the oldest Lodge.

The Brethren who walk in procession should observe, as much as possible, uniformity in their dress. They should wear dark clothes, white gloves, and a sprig of evergreen in left lapel of coat. No person should be distinguished by a jewel unless he is an officer of one of the Lodges invited to attend in form. Masonic clothing must not be worn at a funeral unless a Lodge has been regularly opened.

In the procession, both to and from the grave, the different Lodges rank according to their seniority: the junior ones preceding, excepting that the Lodge of which the deceased was a member, walks nearest the body. Each Lodge should form one division. Members of Chapters and preceptories must appear as Master Masons only, except when Knights Templar act as an escort, in which case they may appear in the uniform of that Order. A Brother should not leave his place in the procession without the permission of the Worshipful Master.

When the procession arrives at the gate of the cemetery, the Lodge to which the deceased Brother belonged, as well as the mourners and attendants on the body, halt until the members of the other Lodges have formed a square about

the grave, when an opening is made to receive them. Then they advance to the grave, and on arriving at its foot, the procession reverses, when the clergyman and officers of the acting Lodge take their station at the head of the grave, and the mourners at the foot. The Masonic service does not begin until the other services, if any, are concluded.

When the M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, a Past Grand Master, or either of the Grand Wardens, joins the procession of a private Lodge, proper respect is to be paid to the rank of such officer. His position will be immediately before the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and two Deacons will be appointed to attend him, the Deacons, with rods, walk on his right and left. When the M. W. the Grand Master or R. W. Deputy Grand Master is present, the Book of Constitution will be borne before him. the honor of carrying the Book of Constitution belongs to the Worshipful Master of the oldest Lodge in the jurisdiction if he be present. The Book of Constitution must never be borne in a procession unless the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master be present.

When the procession faces inward, the Deacons and Stewards will cross their rods so as to form an arch for the Brethren to pass beneath.

Directors of Ceremonies should walk on the left flank (side) of a procession.

*NOTE—The Masonic procession precedes the hearse or the coffin until they counter-march at the cemetery.*



# RULES RESPECTING TRIALS FOR MASONIC OFFENCES

## Offences

1. The following are Masonic offences:

Atheism.

Contempt for God and religion.

Any violation of the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules, or regulations of Grand Lodge.

Any violation of the by-laws of a Lodge by a member thereof.

Disobedience to those in authority, or contemptuous language towards them.

Contemptuous expressions regarding Masonry.

Any intentional violation of the technical parts or points of the several Masonic obligations.

Any violation of the particular injunctions of the ritual, or any of the landmarks of Masonry.

Improper revelations.

Countenance of imposters.

Masonic communion with clandestine Masons or irregular lodges.

Violation of the secrecy of the ballot.

Undue solicitation of candidates.

Wronging a Mason by fraud.

Using a Masonic emblem as a trademark or business sign.

All public crimes and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude.

Drunkenness and profligacy.

Fighting.

Adultery and all lascivious association, whether with the relative of a Mason or with a stranger.

Cruelty to wife or child.

### Jurisdiction

2. For any offence against the by-laws of his lodge a Mason shall be tried by the lodge to which he belongs.

3. For any other Masonic offence a Mason shall be tried by the lodge to which he belongs, or by the lodge nearest his place of residence, or by a commission to be appointed by the Grand Master.

4. A trial resulting in conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence.

## PRAYERS

### Invocation—First Degree

Vouchsafe Thine Aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our present convention, and grant that this candidate for Masonry may so dedicate and devote his life to Thy service as to become a true and faithful brother among us. Endow him with competency of Thy divine wisdom, that, assisted by the secrets of this our Masonic art, he may be the better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness to the honor and glory of Thy holy name—"So mote it be."

### Invocation—Second Degree

We supplicate the continuance of Thine aid, O merciful God, on behalf of ourselves and of him who kneels before Thee. May the work begun in Thy name be continued to Thy glory and evermore established in us by obedience to Thy holy precepts—"So mote it be."

### Invocation—Third Degree

Almighty and Eternal Being, the glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat of all things first were made, we the frail creatures of Thy Providence, humbly implore Thee to pour down on this convocation assembled in Thy Holy Name, the continual dew of Thy blessing; more especially we beseech Thee to impart Thy Grace to this Thy servant, who offers himself a candidate to partake with us the mysterious secrets of a Master Mason; endue

him with such fortitude that in the hour of trial he fail not; but pass him safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, that he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever.—“So mote it be.”

## THE CHARGES

### Charge to Newly Initiated Candidate

As you have now passed through the ceremony of your initiation, allow me to congratulate you on being admitted a member of our ancient and honorable society. Ancient, as having subsisted from time immemorial, and honorable because by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honorable who are strictly obedient to its precepts. Indeed no institution can boast a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests—“The practice of every social and moral virtue,” and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced, that in every age, monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art; have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel; have patronized our mysteries and joined our assemblies. As a Mason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duties you owe to God, to your neighbour and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from

the creature to the creator, by imploring His aid on all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support; to your neighbour by acting with him on the square; by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require, by relieving his distresses, by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him, as in similar cases, you should wish he should do unto you; and to yourself, by such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline as may be best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energies: thereby enabling you to exert those talents wherewith God has blest you, as well as to His glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

As a citizen of the world, I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing, or at all countenancing, any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of your residence or to afford you its protection and above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of this nation, ever remembering the obligation of loyalty which you owe to our Queen and Country.

As an individual I am further to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let prudence direct you; temperance chasten you; fortitude support you; and justice be the guide of all your actions, and be especially

careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic ornaments benevolence and charity.

Still, however, as a Mason there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed; among the foremost of these are secrecy, fidelity and obedience.

Secrecy may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those Masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time be, entrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which might inadvertently lead you so to do.

Your fidelity must be exemplified by a strict observance of the Constitution of the Fraternity by adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order; by never attempting to extort, or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree, and by refraining to recommend any one to a participation of our secrets, unless you have strong ground to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice.

So must your obedience be proved by a close conformity to all our laws and regulations; by prompt attention to all signs and summonses; by modest and correct demeanour whilst in the Lodge; by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion; by ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by

the brethren and by perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens whilst acting in the discharge of their respective offices.

And, as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may enable you to retain respect in your rank in life, be useful to mankind, and an ornament to the society of which you have been this day admitted a member; to devote your leisure hours more especially to the study of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, to consider yourself called upon to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

From the very commendable attention which you appear to have given to this charge, I am led to hope that you will duly appreciate the excellence of Freemasonry, and imprint indelibly on your mind the sacred duties of "truth, of honor and of virtue."

### **Charge to the Newly Passed Candidate**

Brother,- Being advanced to the Second Degree of Masonry, we congratulate you on your preferment. The internal and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards. As you increase in knowledge, so you will consequently improve in social intercourse. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the duties, which, as a Mason, you are now bound to discharge, or to enlarge on the necessity of a strict adherence to them, as your own experience must have

established their value. It may be sufficient to observe that as your past behaviour and regular deportment have merited the honor which we have conferred, in your new character it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of the Order but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue. The study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration—especially geometry, which is established as the basis of our art. Geometry or Masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine or moral nature enriched with the most useful knowledge, so that while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality.

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour at our regular assemblies. You are to preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable, and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

The laws and regulations of the Order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of the brethren, but in the decision of every trespass against our rules judge with candor, admonish with firmness and reprehend with mercy .

As a Craftsman, in our private assemblies, you may offer your sentiments and opinions on such subjects as are regularly introduced in the lecture,



under the superintendence of an experienced Master who will guard the landmarks against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers; qualify yourself to become a useful member of society; and like a skillful Craftsman, strive to excel in what is good and great.

You are to encourage industry and reward merit; supply the want and relieve the necessity of brethren and fellows to the utmost of your power and ability, and on no account wrong them or see them wronged, but apprise them of approaching danger, and view their interests as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a Craftsman; and these duties you are now bound, by the most sacred ties, to observe.

### Charge to the Newly Raised Candidate

Brother,—Your zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the progress you have already made, and your conformity to our general regulations, have pointed you out as a fit object of esteem and favor. In the character of a Master Mason, you are henceforth authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of your younger brethren, and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society ought to be your constant care. You are to inculcate universal benevolence, and by the regularity of your own behaviour, afford the best example for the conduct of others. The ancient landmarks of the

Order you are to preserve sacred and inviolable, and never suffer an infringement of our customs, or a deviation from established usages.

Duty, honor and gratitude now bind you to your trust; let no motive, therefore, ever make you swerve from your duty, but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist whom you have once represented. Endeavor, in a word, to convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

THE CHARGES OF A FREE-  
MASON

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TO BE READ AT THE MAKING  
OF 'NEW BRETHREN, OR WHEN  
THE MASTER SHALL ORDER IT.

# THE CHARGES OF A FREEMASON

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## The General Heads of Which Are:

- I. Of God and Religion.
- II. Of the Civil Magistrate, supreme and subordinate.
- III. Of Lodges.
- IV. Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices.
- V. Of the Management of the Craft in Working.
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  5. At home and in your neighborhood.
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## Charges of a Freemason, Etc.

### 1. Concerning God and Religion

A Mason is obliged by tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believe in the Architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion, in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

### II.—Of the Civil Magistrate, Supreme and Subordinate

A Mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never

to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold on every occasion the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace, and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so that kings and princes in every age have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries, and promote the honor of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony and live in concord and brotherly love.

### III.—Of Lodges

A lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and to improve themselves in the mysteries of their ancient science. In an extended sense, it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly, or duly organized meeting of Masons is called a lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and the general regulations of the Craft. A lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the Craft may be acquired. From ancient times no master or fellow would be absent from his lodge, especially when warned to appear at it,

without incurring a severe censure; unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made Masons and admitted members of a lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of a mature and discreet age and sound judgement, no bondsmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

#### IV.—Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal Craft despised; therefore, no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no Master should take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for himself; and unless he is a "perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body," that may render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his master's lord and of being made a brother and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being a warden, and

then the master of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand master of all the lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden unless he has passed the part of a fellow-craft, nor a master until he has acted as warden, nor a grand warden until he has been master of a lodge, nor a grand master until he has been a fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar or some curious architect or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the ancient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

*N.B.—In ancient times, no brother, however skilled in the craft; was called a master mason until he had been elected into the chair of the Lodge.*

#### V.—Of the Management of the Craft in Working

All Masons should work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days, and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the master, or overseer,



of the Lord's work, who is to be called master by those that work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispense his goods as if they were his own; nor give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the master and the mason receiving their wages justly shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him nor put him out of his work if he is capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When the fellow-craftsman is chosen warden of the work under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellow, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the grand lodge.

No laborer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry; nor shall freemasons work with those who are not free, without an urgent necessity, nor shall they teach laborers or unaccepted masons as they should teach a brother or a fellow.

## VI.—Of Behaviour, viz.:

### I.—In the Lodge While Constituted

You are not to hold private committees or separate conversations without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens or any brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and fellows and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the Grand Lodge), to whom

they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

## **2.—Behaviour After the Lodge is Over and the Brethren Not Gone**

You may enjoy yourself with innocent mirth treating one another according to ability, but avoiding excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hinder him from going when the occasion calls him or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation, for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only as Masons of the universal religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the Lodge nor ever will.

## **3.—Behaviour when Brethren Meet Without Strangers, but not in a Lodge Formed**

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instructions as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching on each other, or derogating from that respect

which is due to any brother, were he not a Mason; for though all Masons are as brethren upon the same level, yet Masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due and avoid ill-manners.

#### **4.—Behaviour in Presence of Strangers Not Masons**

You should be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger should not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you may divert a discourse and manage it prudently for the honor of the Worshipful Fraternity.

#### **5.—Behaviour at Home and in Your Neighborhood**

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man, particularly not to let your family, friends and neighbors know the concerns of the Lodge, etc.; but wisely to consult your own honor, and that of your ancient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health, by not continuing together too late or too long from home after Lodge hours are passed; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness that your family be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

## 6.—Behaviour Towards a Strange Brother

You are cautioned to examine him in such a manner as prudence shall direct, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant false, pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly, and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother and a good man and true before any other people in the same circumstances.

Finally—All these charges you are to observe and also those that shall be communicated unto you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and keystone, the cement and glory of this ancient fraternity; avoiding all wrangling and quarreling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, so far as it is consistent with your honor and safety and no further. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the annual communication, as has been the ancient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided; and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of Masters and

Fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all lawsuits that so you may find the affair of Masonry with more alacrity and success; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the Masters and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process of lawsuit without wrath or rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN, SO MOTE IT BE.

# FORMS

## For Recording Lodge Minutes

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### Regular Meetings

A regular meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_  
G.R.A., was held in the Masonic Hall, \_\_\_\_\_ on  
\_\_\_\_\_ evening, A.D. 19\_\_\_\_, A.L. 59\_\_\_\_\_.

### PRESENT

W. Bro. _____	Worshipful Master
Bro. _____	Senior Warden
Bro. _____	Junior Warden
Bro. _____	Treasurer
Bro. _____	Secretary
Bro. _____	Chaplain
Bro. _____	Senior Deacon
Bro. _____	Junior Deacon
Bro. _____	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. _____	Registrar
Bro. _____	Inner Guard
Bro. _____	Steward
Bro. _____	Steward
Bro. _____	Tyler

Members and Visitors as per register.

### Opening Lodge

The Lodge was opened in the third, or severally in first, second and third degrees of Masonry if the W.M. is absent, add by Bro. \_\_\_\_\_, the W.M. being absent, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

### Minutes Confirmed

The minutes of the last regular meeting, held on -----, and the emergent meeting held on -----, were read and confirmed.

### Reports of Committes on Petitions

The committees on the petitions of -----, and ----- for initiation, and Bros. ----- and ----- for affiliation, reported favorably.

The committee on the petition of ----- reported unfavorably.

The committee on the petition of ----- for initiation made a special report thereon, stating that the petitioner was disqualified on account of insufficient residence, but it could find no other objection to him.

It was moved by Bro. -----, seconded by Bro. -----, and adopted—That the reports of the committees on the petitions of ----- and -----, -----, -----, and ----- for initiation, and Bros. ----- and ----- for affiliation be received and adopted.

The W.M. therefore declared ---- a rejected candidate, and directed the withdrawal of the petition of ---- for initiation, and instructed the Secretary to notify the brethren accordingly, and return the fee of \$----- accompanying the petition.



## Reports, General

The committee appointed to take into consideration (*here state the subject*) submitted its report, which was, on motion of Bro.-----, seconded by Bro.-----, received and adopted.

### Proposals of Candidates for Initiation

The petition of ----- for initiation, recommended by Bros.----- and-----, and accompanied by the fee \$-----, was read.

It was moved by Bro.-----, seconded by Bro.-----, and adopted—That the Petition of----- be received, placed on the minutes and referred to a committee.

The petition of ----- for initiation, recommended by Bros.----- and-----, and accompanied by the fee of \$-----, was read, representing that he had been rejected in ----- Lodge, No. -----, at Toronto, Ont.

It was moved by Bro.-----, seconded by Bro.-----, and adopted,—That the petition of----- be received, placed on the minutes, and referred to a committee; and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with ----- Lodge, No. -----, regarding the character and standing of the petitioner; the result of the enquiry to be reported to the proper committee.

### Proposals of Candidates for Affiliation

The petition of Bro.----- for affiliation, recommended by Bros.----- and-----, accom-

panied by a dimit or certificate of standing, from ----- Lodge, No.----, Located at ----- was read.

It was moved by Bro.-----, seconded by Bro.----- and adopted,—That the petition of Bro.----- be received, placed on the minutes, and referred to a committee.

### Appointments of Committees

The W.M. appointed ----- committees as follows (*state specific purpose*).

### Ballot

The W.M. ordered the ballot to be passed for -----, a candidate for initiation, and being found favorable he was declared elected to become a member by initiation.

The ballot was passed for-----, a candidate for initiation, and being found unfavorable, the candidate was declared rejected.

The Secretary was instructed to return to the rejected candidate the fee of \$-----, which accompanied his petition.

The ballot was passed for Bro.-----, a candidate for affiliation, and being found unfavorable, he was declared rejected.

The Secretary was instructed to return to Bro.-----, the certificate of standing, which accompanied his petition.

The ballot was passed for Bro.----- a candidate for affiliation, and being found favorable, he was declared elected.

The Secretary was instructed to forward the dimit filed by Bro. ----- to the Grand Secretary with semi-annual returns.

### Communications

The following communications were read, viz.:

From the Grand Secretary (*here list letters received. All correspondence from Grand Lodge should be read*).

Communications were read from ----- Lodge, No. ----, dated -----, 19--, notifying this Lodge of the suspension for non-payment of dues of Bros.-----, ----- and ----- and of the rejection of candidates for initiation and Bro. ----- a candidate for affiliation.

The communications were received, and the names ordered to be entered in the black book. Also list any other communications.

### Payment of Accounts

On motion of Bro.-----, seconded by Bro. -----, the following accounts were passed, and warrants for their payment ordered to be issued when duly certified:—

### General Business

It was moved by Bro.----- seconded by Bro.-----, and adopted,—That the Secretary be instructed to procure the following supplies from the Grand Lodge office: -----

It was moved by Bro.-----, second by Bro.-----, and adopted—That the Secretary be instructed to have suitably bound, Volume 1 of the proceedings of Grand Lodge for the years 1905 to 1914 inclusive.

It was moved by Bro.-----, seconded by Bro.-----, That the Secretary be instructed to notify ----- Lodge No. ----, that this Lodge consents to its receiving and acting upon the petition of -----, who resides in the jurisdiction of this Lodge, but who was formerly a resident of ----- where the said Lodge is located.

The motion was put and declared lost.

### Election of Officers

The Secretary read the names of the brethren eligible for the office of W.M.

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The W.M. appointed Bros.----- to be scrutineers of the ballot, and the following were declared to be duly elected, namely: *Here insert the names and offices.*

### Candidates in Waiting

----- and -----, candidates for initiation, were reported as in waiting.

The Lodge was opened in the first degree at -----p.m.

### Objections to Candidates

Bro.-----, objected to the initiation of-----, one of the candidates in waiting.

The W.M. appointed Bros.----- a committee, with power to enquire into the cause of objection, and report at the next regular meeting.

### Board of Trial

The W.M. appointed Bros.-----, a board of trial to put the necessary questions to-----, a candidate for initiation. *If more than one, give names in full, and say "candidates."*

The board of trial having reported to the W.M. that the candidate had answered the necessary questions, and the candidate having been properly prepared, he was *or they were severally* initiated into the first degree of Free Masonry.

### Passing

Bros.----- and-----, candidates for advancement, were examined in open Lodge as to their proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree at ----- p.m.

No objection being made, Bro.----- having been found worthy of advancement, and having been properly prepared, he was *or they were severally* passed to the second or Fellow-Craft degree.

### Raising

Bro. *or Bros.* -----, a candidate *or candidates* for further advancement, was *or were* examined in open Lodge as to his *or their* proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was then opened in the third degree at ----- p.m.

No objection being made, and Bro. ----- having been found well skilled, he was *or they were severally*, raised to the third or sublime degree of Master Mason.

### Calling from Labor to Refreshment

The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at ----- o'clock.

### Calling from Refreshment to Labor

The Lodge resumed labor at ----- o'clock.

The Secretary reported the following receipts since the last regular meeting, *including this meeting*:

-----, initiation fee, \$-----; -----, dues \$-----; -----, dues, \$-----; -----, dues

### Closing the Lodge

The rough minutes of the meeting were then submitted for approval and correction.

The Lodge was closed in harmony in the \_\_\_\_ degree *or severally in the third, second and first degrees* at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Confirmed in open Lodge give date, A.L. 59\_\_  
A.D. 19\_\_.

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W.M.

Secretary

### Emergent Meetings

An emergent meeting of \_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_ G.R.A., was held in the Masonic Hall\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_ evening, \_\_\_\_ A.D. 19\_\_, A.L. 59\_\_.

Present (as in form No. 1)

The Lodge was opened in the third *or severally in the first, second and third degrees* at \_\_\_\_ p.m.

The W.M. explained that he had called this meeting for the following purpose or purposes, namely: (*Here state these briefly.*)

### Installation of Officers

A meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_ G.R.A., was held in the Masonic Hall \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ evening, A.D. 19\_\_\_\_, A.L. 59\_\_\_\_.

*Give names of those present as in Form No. 1.*

The Lodge was opened in the third *or several-ly in the first, second and third* degrees at---- p.m. *State the hour.*

The minutes of the regular meeting, held on -----, so far as the same relate to the election of officers, were read and confirmed.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree at ----- *state the hour.*

Bro.-----, the Worshipful Master-elect, was then presented to the installing Master, and having answered the necessary questions, and having given his assent to the ancient charges and regulations he was obligated in due form.

The Lodge was then opened in the third degree at -----*state the hour.*

The new W.M. was installed and proclaimed in the third degree, and saluted by the brethren in due form.

The Lodge was closed in the third degree at ----- o'clock.

The W.M. was proclaimed for the second time, and was saluted in due form.

The Lodge was closed in the second degree at ----- o'clock.

The W.M. was proclaimed for the third time, and saluted with the customary honors.

The following officers were then invested.  
*Here insert the names and offices.*



*Here may follow the appointment of trustees, auditors and committees.*

The Lodge resumed labor in the third degree.

The Lodge was then closed severally in the third, second and first degrees at ----- p.m.

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W.M.

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Secretary

**BILL**  
**No. 13 of 1908.**

**An Act to Incorporate the Grand Lodge of  
Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.**

(Assented to March 15, 1908.)

Whereas the Grand Lodge of Alberta of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons having sole jurisdiction over Free Masons in the Province of Alberta has petitioned that the said Grand Lodge be incorporated and that regularly chartered subordinate lodges be empowered to become incorporated; and it is expedient to grant the prayer of its petition;

Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. In this Act the words "The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons" shall mean the body consisting of Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge.

2. The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons shall be and the same is hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, hereinafter called "the corporation."

3. The said corporation shall consist of Hedley Clarence Taylor, the Grand Master of Alberta, and his successors to be from time to time appointed in such manner as is or shall be provided by the Grand Lodge of Alberta and of such other

persons as are or may become members of the corporation according to the constitution of the said Grand Lodge as the same exists at the time of the passing of this Act or as the said constitution may from time to time be altered by the said Grand Lodge.

4. Such corporation shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power to change, alter, break and renew the same when and so often as they shall think fit and the said corporation may, under the same name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded with, answer and defend in all courts and places whatsoever; and the said corporation shall be able and capable, in law, respectively, to purchase, take, hold, give, receive, enjoy, possess and retain without license in mortmain all real and personal property, which have been or hereafter shall be paid, given, granted, appropriated, devised or bequeathed to it or purchased or otherwise acquired by it in any manner or way whatsoever; and shall have full power to deal with any such property as fully and effectually as any individual person.

5. The corporation shall in addition to the powers conferred upon it by the next preceding section of this Act and subject to the provisions thereof have power to sell, convey, exchange, alienate, mortgage, lease or demise any lands, tenements and hereditaments held by the said corporation, and the corporation may also from time to time invest all or any of its funds and moneys and all or any funds and personal property which may be vested in or acquired by

the corporation for eleemosynary, masonic or educational purposes aforesaid in and upon any mortgage, security of lands, tenements and hereditaments and in other securities in any part or parts of the Dominion of Canada and for the purposes of such investment may take, receive and accept a mortgage or mortgages, bonds or debentures or securities, or any assignment or assignments thereof in its own corporate name and shall have and enjoy the same and as large, full and ample powers and rights of sale and foreclosure, action and suit upon and for the purposes of enforcing the covenants, stipulations, conditions, and agreements and all matters and things contained in such mortgages, bonds, debentures or securities or any of them and in as ample a manner as if it were a private person, able and capable in law; and furthermore may sell, grant, assign and transfer such mortgages or any of them to any person, company or body capable of receiving any assignment thereof and may release and discharge such mortgages or any of them either wholly or partly.

6. The said corporation may exercise all its powers by and through the board of general purposes as established by the constitution aforesaid or such other boards or committees as the said corporation may from time to time appoint by resolution for the management of all or any of the property of the said corporation but in accordance only with the trusts relating to any property to which any special trust is attached; and the said corporation may also make such regulations for the management and administra-

tion of its property as it shall see fit. The Corporation shall also have the right of appointing any officer or other needful agent or agents for the management of its affairs and shall have all other rights necessarily incident to a body corporate.

7. The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in all deeds, instruments and documents applying in the Province of Alberta shall mean, unless a different construction is to be gathered from the said deed, instrument or document, the Grand Lodge organized by the members of the Masonic body in the Province of Alberta for self government under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

8. Each subordinate lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons now organized in this province or which may hereafter become organized by or under the authority of the said Grand Lodge within this province may in the manner hereinafter specified be and become a body politic and corporate by the name and number by which it may be designated by such Grand Lodge, and whenever a subordinate lodge shall become incorporated as aforesaid it shall have the same powers and privileges as are hereinbefore conferred upon the Grand Lodge as a corporation; and in addition thereto shall have the right to acquire, hold and otherwise deal with any stock or shares in any incorporated company having as one of its objects the acquiring land to be used for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a building or buildings thereon to be used in

whole or in part for the purpose and uses of such lodge or any other subordinate lodge or lodges; and in dealing with such stock or shares the master or such other member or members as the lodge may by resolution designate shall have full power and authority to represent the lodge with respect to such stock or shares at all meetings of such company and any one or more members of such company be elected or appointed a director or directors of such company, qualifying for such office on the stock or shares of the lodge of which he or they are members.

9. Each subordinate lodge now established or which may hereafter be established under the authority of the said Grand Lodge and which may be desirous of becoming incorporated shall and may by a resolution approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting resolve to become so incorporated; and upon evidence by a certified copy of such resolution signed by the master and secretary of such subordinate lodge being filed with the Provincial Secretary and a certificate under the hands of the Grand Master and secretary and under the seal of the Grand Lodge, that such subordinate lodge is in good standing in the order and such subordinate lodge shall be and become from the time of the issuing by the Provincial Secretary of his certificates hereinafter provided for, a body politic and corporate as aforesaid by the style or name and number by which it may be designated by the said Grand Lodge and as such shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to change or alter the said seal by by-law to that effect approved according to

such regulations as may be in force under the constitution of such Grand Lodge.

10. Any subordinate lodge which shall seek to become incorporated under this Act shall be entitled upon producing and filing of the proofs, documents and certificates aforesaid and upon payment of a fee of ten dollars to receive a certificate of incorporation under the provisions hereof under the hand of the Provincial Secretary in such form as he may deem suitable, and such certificate shall be final and conclusive evidence of such subordinate lodge being a corporation under this Act.

11. No member of the aforesaid Grand Lodge or of any subordinate lodge so incorporated shall have any power to assign or transfer to any person or persons whomsoever any interest which he may have to or in the funds or property of the said Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge, and upon the decease of any such member the same shall not pass to his heirs, executors or administrators, but the same shall at all times be the property and remain under the control of the said Grand Lodge or subordinate lodge respectively and no property or stock, share or interest of any kind belonging to the said incorporated Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge shall be subject to the payment of the private debts of any of its members nor liable to be taken in execution by any judgment creditor against any individual member or members of said Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge.

12. Should any subordinate lodge cease to exist or be dissolved from any cause whatsoever

the property (real and personal) held or belonging to such subordinate lodge shall at once vest in the said Grand Lodge but charged with the payment of the debts of such subordinate lodge to the full extent of such property:

Provided that such devolution of property upon the said Grand Lodge shall in no way affect or prejudice the powers conferred thereon for holding property.

13. Whenever a debt has been or shall be contracted by any such lodge incorporated under this Act for the building, repairing, extending or improving of any building or for acquiring land held by any such lodge under the provisions of this Act or for the purchase of the land on which the same has been or is intended to be erected any such incorporated lodge may from time to time secure the debt or any part thereof by a mortgage upon the lands and buildings or may borrow money to pay the debt or part thereof and may secure the repayment of the loan and interest by a mortgage upon its lands and buildings or part thereof upon such terms as may be agreed upon.

14. When any member is expelled or suspended by any subordinate lodge or by the said Grand Lodge the said member shall cease to have any interest or claim whatever upon the funds or property of such Grand Lodge or subordinate lodge while under suspension or expulsion:

Provided that in the case of a suspension such member shall be restored to his rights and privi-



leges upon being reinstated or such suspension vacated.

15. In case the Grand Lodge declare the authority or charter of any subordinate lodge forfeited pursuant to the constitution of the said Grand Lodge such subordinate lodge shall, if not incorporated under this Act, be and be held to cease to exist and to be dissolved from the date of the resolution declaring such forfeiture, and if incorporated under this Act from the date of filing with Provincial Secretary of a certificate under the hands of the Grand Master and secretary and the seal of the Grand Lodge certifying to such forfeiture.

16. No officer or member of such Grand Lodge or of any subordinate lodge shall be or be held liable or responsible for any debt or obligation of such Grand Lodge or subordinate lodge beyond the extent of any unpaid dues or subscriptions owing by him to such lodge.

17. Any transfer of real estate or any interest therein vested in the corporation shall be deemed to be duly executed for that purpose if the same has affixed thereto the seal of the corporation verified by the signature of the Grand Master for the time being of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the grand secretary and a discharge of a mortgage if executed in the same way shall be deemed to be properly and effectually executed.

18. Any transfer, mortgage or lease of real estate or of any interest therein or any transfer of stocks, funds, debentures or other personal property of any subordinate lodge incorporated

under this Act shall be deemed to be duly executed for that purpose if the same has affixed thereto the common seal of the said subordinate lodge so named therein and of the secretary of such lodge..

19. Ordinance No. 34 of the Ordinance of 1895 of the North-West Territories is hereby repealed; and from and after the passing of this Act all subordinate lodges under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Alberta which have heretofore been incorporated thereunder while under the authority and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons shall be deemed to have been incorporated under this Act; and upon filing with the Provincial Secretary satisfactory evidence of such former incorporation together with a certificate under the hands of the Grand Master and secretary and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Alberta certifying to the name and number by which such lodge is designated by the Grand Lodge of Alberta and further certifying as to the identity of such lodge with the lodge formerly so incorporated and designating the name and number it was known as at the time of its incorporation under said Ordinance, the Provincial Secretary shall issue to it a certificate of incorporation as hereinbefore provided; and from and after the issue of such certificate the title to all lands, tenaments and hereditaments and all other property both real and personal belonging to such corporation may be transferred or otherwise dealt with in the name of the corporation as designated in such certificate of the Provincial Secretary.

## RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

1. Question: In case of a Masonic Trial can the Worshipful Master of a Lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.

2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?

Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause. Proceedings, 1916.

3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1916.

4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?

Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favour his acceptance into Masonry. Proceedings, 1916.

5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.

6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?

Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (*honoris causa*) on any brother, however worthy he may be. Proceedings, 1916.

7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?

Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes. Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.

9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.

10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.

11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.

12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.

13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.

14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimitts by the lodge five years prior to the receipts of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances. Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.

16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken. Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W. M. elect?

Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office.

It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.

18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formally a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?

Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.

19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.

20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.

21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.

22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be ex-

punged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.

23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?

Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

25. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.

26. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

27. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without notice of motion?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

28. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.



29. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

30. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

31. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?

Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.

32. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.

33. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?

Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.

34. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

35. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.

36. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?

Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.

37. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

38. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.

39. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?

Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.

40. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.

41. Question: In the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?

Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?

Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings, 1936.

43. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in the one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.

44. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.

45. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.

46. Ruled, that a lodge having paid the \$5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not required to pay semi-annual dues to Grand lodge for such member. Proceedings, 1938.

47. A lodge having spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months, it was ruled that such motion was not in order, the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.) Proceedings, 1938.

48. Question: Can a lodge by by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1938.

49. Ruled, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date without amending their By-laws to permit this. Proceedings, 1938.

50. A lodge cannot postpone or adjourn a meeting. Therefore it was ruled that a lodge in postponing its regular meeting to a subsequent date and calling it an adjourned meeting, transacting business which can only be done at a regular meeting was in error, and the business done at such meeting must be confirmed at the next regular meeting and the minutes of the previous regular meeting again read and confirmed. Proceedings, 1939.

51. Question: Can the suspension of a member be cancelled from the records on his reinstatement?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

52. Ruled, that a regular meeting of a lodge at which none of the principle officers were present was irregular and any business transacted was null and void, the business done to be reintroduced and dealt with at the next regular meeting. Proceedings, 1939.

53. Ruled, that a candidate for initiation who by the nature of his employment was absent from his home for six months of the twelve preceding his application, should be regarded as a resident where his established home was situated and the lodge could receive his application. Proceedings, 1939.

54. Question: Can a lodge join, as such, a Masonic Association in another Grand Jurisdiction, over which the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Alberta has no authority?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

55. Question: In the case of a brother applying for life membership, whose membership had been broken by suspension N.P.D., can the payment of an amount equal to dues for the period of his suspension, cancel the fact that his continuous membership had been broken?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1940.

56. In the case of two officers serving in England, residents of Alberta, who desired to make application to an Alberta lodge near their home, it was ruled that a lodge could not receive and act on petitions for membership of applicants whose homes were in Alberta but who were stationed in England. Proceedings, 1941.

57. That members of the Armed Forces who hail from other Jurisdictions, regardless of whether they comply with the twelve months' residence clause, have no legal residence status in our Jurisdiction. They are still domiciled in the Jurisdiction from which they hail. And no application shall be received except by permission of the Grand Master when Waivers must be obtained from their home Jurisdiction and after residence clause has been strictly adhered to.

58. Question: Is it proper for the Worshipful Master to cast one ballot for an elective

office on a motion moved and seconded and passed by the Lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1943.

59. Question: Is the Collective Ballot permissible, that is, one ballot taken for a number of candidates?

Answer: No. An individual ballot must be taken on each Candidate—where several ballot boxes are used with the name of the applicant plainly marked on each box—this is considered an Individual Ballot. Proceedings, 1949.





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